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Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, convened in WOOSTER, *Ohio, on Thursday Evening, at 7 o'clock, August the 12th, in the year* 1852.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synodical sermon was preached by the President Rev. G. W. Williard, from Amos 7; 9.—"*By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.) *From the Classis of Miami.*

Ministers.—David Winters, Herman Rust, Jesse Steiner, Thomas H. W inters.

Elders.—Jos. Coblentz, Dr. J. Coblentz, J. Jinkins, J. Prugh.

2.) *From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Ministers.—George W. Williard, Israel S. Weisz,

Elders.—John T. Blain, Thomas Miller.

3.) *From the Classis of Westmoreland.*

Minister.—Samuel H. Giesy.

Elder.—D. Kiehl, Esqr.

4.) *From the Classis of Sandusky.*

Ministers.—David Kemmerer, Charles Zwisler,

Elder.—John Bretz.

5.) *From the Classis of Columbiana.*

Minister.—Aaron Wanner.

Elder.—Jacob Ohl.

6.) *From the Classis of Tiffin.*

Ministers.—Hiram Shaull, Frederick Wahl,

Elder.—Jacob Kroh.

7.) *From the Classis of St. Josephs,*

Ministers.—R. Rogers Salters, A. J, Rutan,

Elder,—Peter Loose,

J. H. D... Feb. 16 09

8.) *From the Classis of Clarion.*

Ministers.—David B. Ernst, L. D. Leberman.

9.) *From the Northern German Classis.*

Ministers.—J. G. Zahner, J. W. Hamm, George Rettig.

Elder.—Henry Sliffe.

10.) *From the Classis of Indiana.*

11.) *From the Synod of the United States.*

Minister.—Samuel R. Fisher.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER.

From the "Deutsch Evangelische Kirchenverein in Ohio."

Rev. Frederick W. Weiskotten.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Classis of Miami.

Ministers.—Peter C. Prugh, Frederick P. Beidler.

From the Classis of Columbiana.

Minister.—N. E. Gilds.

From the Classis of Sandusky.

Ministers.—Jesse Richards, Adam Stump, Jesse Hines

From the Classis of Tiffin.

Ministers.—J. H. Good, H. K. Baines.

From the Classis of St. Josephs.

Minister.—William M. Reed.

From the Northern German Classis.

Ministers.—J. D. Gackenheimer, John Ackeret.

Elder.—J. Sliffe.

APPLICANTS.

H. Augustus Winter, and J. C. Klar.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REV. DAVID WINTERS was chosen *President.*

REV. JESSE STEINER was chosen *Corresponding Sec'y.*

WILLIAM HOFF, Esq., was chosen *Treasurer.*

REV. J. H. GOOD is *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Synodical Minutes.—D. B. Ernst, G. W. Williard, T. H. Winters, D. Kiehl Esqr., P. Loose and Dr. J. Coblentz.

On Minutes of Classes.—J. Steiner, D. B. Ernst, J. G. Zahner, S. H. Giesy, Jos. Coblentz, J. Jinkins, and J. Prugh.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—H. Shaull, R. R. Salters, J. G. Zahner, J. W. Hamm, A. Wanner, J. T. Blain, and T. Miller.

On the Theological Seminary.—F. Wahl, P. C. Prugh, A. Wanner, J. T. Blain, H. Sliffe, and Jos. Coblentz.

On Missions.—H. Rust, A. J. Rutan, L. D. Leberman, G. Rettig, Dr. J. Coblentz, J. Prugh and J. Jinkins.

On Finance.—J.W. Hamm, H. K. Baines, N. E Gilds, J. Ohl, and T. Miller.

On Publication.—I. S. Weisz, R. R. Salters, F. P. Beidler, J. Kroh, P. Loose, and D. Kiehl.

On Religious Exercises.—A. Wanner, N. E. Gilds, J. Richards, J. Prugh and J. Ohl.

On Nominations.—T. H. Winters, J. H. Good, D. B. Ernst, Jos. Coblentz, J. Kroh, and J. T. Blain.

On Heidelberg College.—R. R. Salters, J. H. Good, T. H. Winters, J. Kroh, J. Ohl, and Dr. J. Coblentz.

On Correspondence.—L. D. Leberman, W. M. Reed, A. Stump, H. Sliffe, J. T. Blain and J. Jinkins.

On the State of Religion.—G. W. Williard, I. S. Weisz, H. Rust, J. Ohl, T. Miller and J. Kroh.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence reported. Their report was received, and acted upon item by item, as follows:

1. A letter from Prof. E. V. Gerhart, expressing his regret at his inability to meet the brethren of this Synod, stating the object and success of his journey to the East.

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with great pleasure of the success that has thus far attended the effort of Prof. Gerhart in obtaining a Library for our Seminary and College, and that we tender him our sincere thanks, for his labors in this respect.

2. A report from Prof. Gerhart, Chairman of the Committee to draft a Constitution for the Thelogical Seminary, reporting progress and requesting the continuance of the committee.

The report was read and adopted, and will be found under the head of "*Theological Seminary*."

3. A bill of expenses of Prof. E. V. Gerhart, chairman of the Committee on "Columbiana Difficulties," requesting an order on the Treasurer for the amount.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasury for $15,60, in favor of Prof. Gerhart.

4. A letter from Samuel Frantz, in behalf of Frantz's congregation in Armstrong Co., Pa., requesting Synod to supply them with a pastor.

Resolved, That this letter be referred to the Classis of Clarion, within whose bounds said congregation lies.

5. A communication from the "Deutsch Evangelische Kirchenverein von Ohio," requesting Synod to open a correspondence with them, and to receive the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten as a corresponding delegate to this body.

6. A statistical report of the same body.

These two items, were referred to a special committee, consisting of G. W. Williard, J. G. Zahner, S. H. Giesy, H. Sliffe and Dr. J. Coblentz.

This Committee subsequently made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to draft a minute in reference

to the request of the German Evangelical Church Association would respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the documents placed in their hands, and would respectfully recommend the propriety of this Synod entering into correspondence with said body; and that there be a regular interchange of one delegates annually from each body, upon the following conditions:

1st. That the two bodies shall mutually recognize and respect each other's ecclesiastical acts.

2nd. That the delegates shall be recognized by the two bodies as advisory members.

The Rev. Mr. Weiskotten is the regularly deputed delegates from this association, and he is hereby recommended for the recognition of this Synod as an advisory member.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

7. A call from congregations composing the Mansfield Charge to Mr. J. C. Klar, to become their pastor.

Resolved, That the call be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations reported.—Their report was received and adopted. Synod in due time proceeded to ballot for the respective offices, with the following result:

1. Delegates to the Eastern Synod.

Rev. G. W. Williard, *Primarius.*
Rev. S. H. Giesy, *Secundus.*

2. Delegate to the "Evangelische Kirchenverein."

Rev. J. G. Zahner, *Primarius*,
Rev. D. Kemmerer, *Secundus.*

3. Trustees of Heidelberg College.

Wm. H. Gibson, Esq., Rev. G. D. Wolff,
Hon. H. St. John, Wm. Barrick,
Rev. H. Shaull.

4. Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Rev. D. Winters, John Royer,
Rev. I. S. Weisz, Geo. Stump,
Rev. G. W. Williard, Samuel Rule,
John T. Blain.

5. Board of Missions.

Rev. D. Winters, Wm. Hoff, Esqr.,
Rev. T. H. Winters, Jos. Coblentz,
Rev. J. Steiner.

6. Board of Visitors the Theological Seminary.

Rev. F. Wahl, P. Heilman,
Rev. P Bruecker, P. Mallow,
Rev. G. W. Williard.

7. Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

Rev. A. Keller, Jacob Kroh, Esqr.,
Rev. G. D. Wolff, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
Jacob Holtz, Sr.

8. Board of Education.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, Rev. R. Good,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. T. H. Winters,
Rev. G. D. Wolff.

8. Board of Publication.

Rev. H. Shaull, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
Rev. R. Good, Jacob Kroh,
Rev. F. Wahl.

The Board of Missions organized by the election of the following officers:

Rev. J. Steiner, Springfield, O., *President.*
Rev. T. H. Winters, Xenia, O., *Vice President.*
Rev. D. Winters, Dayton, O., *Rec. Secretary.*
Wm. Hoff, Esqr., Miamisburg, O., *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for religious exercises, reported the following order, which was adopted:

1. Sermon, on Friday evening, by Rev. S. H. Giesy.

2. Preparatory Sermon, on Saturday afternoon at 2, by Rev. J. W. Hamm.

3 Sermon, on Saturday evening, by Rev. T. H. Winters.

4. Sermon on Sabbath morning, in the German, by Rev. H. Rust.

5. Sermon on Sabbath morning, in the English, by Rev. S. R. Fisher.

6. Distribution of the elements in the German, by Rev. J. W. Hamm and J. G. Zahner.

7. Distribution of the elements in the English, by Rev. S. R. Fisher, and G. W. Williard.

8. Sermon on Sabbath afternoon, in the German, by Rev. J. G. Zahner.

9. Sabbath evening, Missionary Addresses, by Rev J. H. Good, and Rev. Wm. M. Reed.

10. Sermon on Monday evening, by Rev. Wm. M. Reed.

11. Sermon in the Baptist Church, on Sabbath morning, by Rev. J. H. Good.

12. Sermon in the Baptist Church, on Sabbath evening, by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

12. Sermon in the O. S Presbyterian church, on Sabbath morning by Rev. D. B. Ernst.

14. Sermon in the O. S. Presbyterian church, on Sabbath evening, by Rev. S. R. Fisher.

15. Sermon in the Methodist Church, on Sabbath, by Rev. R. R. Salters.

Respectfully Summitted,

A. WANNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1. *Report of the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College.* The standing committee on Heidelberg College made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Heidelberg College beg leave respectfully to report:

That the Board of Visitors of the College have made no report to this Synod, and hence, no papers have come into the hands of your Committee. Your Committee have however, information, by personal attendence at the College, that the whole enterprise has thus far been carried forward with continued success. The College edifice is nearly completed, and presents an imposing appearance, and it is hoped, will aid greatly all the interests of the Institution.

Your Committee is happy to hear of the continued and encouraging success of the General Agent, Rev. H. Shaull in carrying forward the endowment of the College.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we as a Synod, express our gratitude to Almighty God, for the evident favor which has thus far accompanied the establishment and endowment of our College.

2. That we again, pledge our united endeavors to build up on a permanent and solid foundation, our Heidelberg College, and that to this end, in the fear of God and relying upon his continued blessing, we will push forward the enterprise, until the endowment, if possible, shall reach the sum of $100,000.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod again affirm the opinion, that the work of the Agent should not stop, until every single Congregation of this Synod has been canvassed.

4. *Resolved*, That those classes, who have not yet taken scholarships in the institution—be urged to do so at as early a day as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
R. R. SALTERS, *Chairm.*

ARTICLE IX.

GERMAN CLASSES.

By a resolution of Synod, the President appointed the

following special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the organization of the German Classes. The Committee consisted of Rev. H. Shaull J. Steiner, F. Wahl, S. R. Fisher, *Elders*, J. T. Blain, D. Kiehl and Dr. J. Coblentz.

This Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special Committee to whom was referred the organization of the German Classes, beg leave respectfully to report:

The whole subject is one of deep and vital interest to a large body of ministers and members, and should therefore be approached with an ardent desire, that the question may be so decided as best to subserve the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

It appears that a comparatively large body of ministers, having many German Reformed congregations under their care, known as the "German Synod," desiring to stand in more intimate relations with this body, made an overture to the late Synod of Miamisburg, to unite with this body, on certain conditions, specified in their overture. The overture was referred to a large committee of Synod, which committee, after due deliberation, brought in a report, which was unanimously adopted by the General Synod, acceding to the union, but changing the form so as to constitute what are called "General Classes." The committee stated in their report "In deliberating upon the form of this union, your committee have come to the conclusion that the following would be the one, most advisable in the case, and most just to all parties, as well as best adapted to promote the *unity, efficiency and prosperity of the German Reformed Church.*" It appears that the German Synod, having full confidence in the sincerity and wisdom of the General Synod, waived their own proposep form, and at a meeting in Delaware, resolved to unite on the terms proposed, and accordingly *dissolved* their own organization, and entered into a regular organization at Akron, O., of the *Northern German Classes*; and accor-

ding to the terms of re-union as laid down by the Synod, appointed their regular delegates to this body.

It appears furthermore, that doubts have arisen in the minds of some, as to whether the form proposed by this Synod, is strictly constitutional, and in agreement with Art. I. Sec. II. chap. II. part II, of the Constitution.

If the form proposed so unanimously by this Synod be regarded as not in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, it will remain for this Synod to decide, whether it will endeavor in good faith to carry out its solemn obligation to the German Synod, by endeavoring to alter the constitution, or whether it will regard it best, after the German Synod has dissolved its own organization in favor of the plan of the Synod, to declare the whole arrangement null and void.

The whole difficulty can be met and obviated by simply adding to the Constitution the Proviso appended to this report, and your committee recommend that this be done for the following reasons:

1. It appears to your Committee that the honor of Synod requires that the mutual arrangement between the parties should be carried out in good faith, so far as it is within the power of this Synod. The arrangement must be regarded in the nature of a contract between the parties, and as the German Synod has fully complied with its part of the obligation, this Synod is not at liberty violently and abruptly to annul the whole arrangement without making use of all proper means to obviate all difficulties. Your committee feels disposed to lay great stress upon the fact that the German Synod has entirely dissolved its organization, in favor of this plan, and is hence not in a position to enter into new overtures with this Synod. If upon a sale of land between two parties, the one fulfills his portion by the paying down of the required sum, and the other fulfills his by the delivery of the deed, and if this deed be afterwards found to be defective, the duty is obvious incumbent upon the party, to use every possible means to furnish such a deed as shall make good the contract. Hence we infer,

that it is the duty of this Synod to overture the classes for the adoption of the proposed proviso.

2. But your committee would take higher ground and base the propriety of the course indicated, not simply upon the ground of good faith as between the two Synods; but upon the ground of the good results and vast influence for good likely to arise from the formation of German Classes throughout the whole extent of the Western Synod. We may affirm with entire truth, that the proposed formation of Classes to be composed entirely of ministers speaking the German language, was hailed with delight by a large portion of the Church, and especially by that portion which is of a German character. There are indeed a number of well informed brethren, who have regarded that step as the most important one, in the whole history of your Ohio Synod, and as more likely, under the blessing of God to build up our Western Church, than any other agency whatever.

It is well known that the missionary field of our church is very large and inviting, and that three fourths of our prospective increase of ministers and people, must naturally come from those who speak the German language exclusively. Our great mission is among the Germans. It has been said, that west of Tiffin there is not a township in the State of Ohio, in which there is not abundant material for the organization of a congregation, if we only had the German ministers to send among them.

This Synod has been singularly unfortunate with respect to the German ministers that have from time to time sought connection with the classes. They have generally come among us, and after a few years again dropped away in some way or other. Quite a number of German ministers have within the last five years ceased their connection with our synod.

It is believed that the true reason of our not increasing more rapidly in German ministers and churches, has been that nearly all our Classes have been English and that their business has been conducted in such a mode and in such

language, that Germans have not been fully at home among us, and have hence, often lost their first love and silently withdrawn.

Full justice should be done to both the English and the German churches, and your committee believe that it can best be done by the formation of German and English Classes, a plan substantially adopted by the joint Lutheran Synod of Ohio, and found to work admirably in their case. We are persuaded, that not only will more German ministers and German churches range themselves under our banner, if such a course be adopted, but that all such interests as have claims especially upon the German portion of the church, will be more vigorously pushed forward. We refer here to such interests as, *the endowment of a German Professorship, the support of German Beneficiary students, the publication of German Books, &c.*

In view of the whole subject, your committee recommend the adoption by this Synod, of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, that the Synod send down an overture to the classes, to add the following clause to Art. 1, Sec. 2, chap. 2, part 2 of the Constitution.

"Provided, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prevent the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States from establishing German Classes, to be composed exclusively of German ministers and congregations, if even the said classes should embrace ministers and congregations located within the territory occupied by other classes.

2. *Resolved*, that the Eastern Synod be affectionately, but earnestly requested to concur in the addition of said clause to the constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Shaull,
J. Steiner,
Saml. R. Fisher,
F. Wahl,
D. Kiehl,
J. Coblentz,
John T. Blain.

Resolved, that the 3d article of the plan of union be so changed as to read as follows:

3. Two German Classes to be constituted, the one to be styled the "Northern German Classis" and the other the "Southern German classis;" a line drawn through the city of Columbus, east and West, to the boundary lines of the State of Ohio, to be the boundary line between the same.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Their report was received, considered item by item, and as adopted as follows:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. *Miami Classis* has divided a Missionary field into two pastoral charges, without consulting the congregations concerned, in the matter.

2. *Tiffin classis* furnished a copy of its minutes on foolscap instead of letter paper, as directed by Synod.

3. *Miami*, *Tiffin*, *Sandusky*, *Northern German*, *Westmoreland*, *Indiana*, and *St. Josephs* have not included in their Classical report on religion the amount of monies, contributed during the year, by the several charges and congregations under their care, to the different benevolent operations of the church, as required by the 14th standing Rule of Synod.

4. *Sandusky classis* has permitted Rev. A Keller to resign one congregation of his pastoral charge, while he retains the remainder.

5. *Columbiana classis* has received and ordained Rev. N. E. Gilds, without having a constitutional quorum.

This item was adopted, but said ordination confirmed in view of the circumstances of the case.

6. The same classis has failed to furnish Synod with a copy of the minutes of its special session.

The Classis was censured and directed hereafter to report the proceedings of said meeting to Synod.

7. *Sandusky classis* dismissed the Rev. J. B. Thomp-

son to either the Miami or Lancaster Classis.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Miami classis* renewed its request to Synod to take active measures to supply the church with a suitable Liturgy.

See action of Synod on the Liturgy under head of *Synodical Minutes.*

2. *Miami, Westmoreland, Clarion and Sandusky classes*, requested the President of Synod to change the place of meeting to some more central and suitable point.

This request was complied with by the officers of Synod, and the meeting changed from Benton to Wooster.

3. *Miami classis* requests that the attention of Synod be directed to resolutions adopted by her, relative to the execution and editorship of the Western Missionary.

This item was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

St. Josephs classis requests Synod to take active measures to procure a printing press, as the property of Synod, provided it can be done without involving Synod in debt.

This item was referred to the same committee.

5. *Northern German classis* requests Synod to publish its minutes in the German Language, and that the Standing Rules of Synod be translated and printed with the German Minutes.

Resolved, That the arrangement for the publication of the German Minutes with Rev. J. G. Zahner be continued, and that he be authorized to translate the Standing Rules.

6. *Clarion classis* request Synod to continue the custom of exchanging its minutes with the Eastern Synod, as heretofore.

7. *Tiffin classis* request synod to adopt regulations with respect to Systematic Benevolence, similar to those of the Eastern Synod, and to embody the same in the Standing Rules of Synod.

This item was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Shaull, P. C. Prugh, I. S. Weisz, J. Sliffe and D. Kiehl.

This Committee made the following report, which was received and upon motion was referred down to the several classes for adoption.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence beg leave respectfully to report. That they have canvassed the whole subject as far as the nature of the case will allow. After due consultation, your committee are fully persuaded that we can present nothing preferable to the whole plan adopted by the Synod of "the German Reformed Church in the United States." This pla is in the opinion of your committe in every respect adapted to meet our wants. Hence your committee have unanimously agreed to recommend for adoption by this Synod the entire plan adopted by that Synod, with the substitution of a Financial committee appointed by this Synod.

H. SHAULL, Chairman.

III APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

1. *Columbiana Classis* refers the objections of Rev. N. Paltzgroff to the doctrinal teachings of the 10th question of the Heidelberg Catechism, to this Synod, for consideration and final decision.

For the action of Synod upon this point, see under head of Synodical minutes.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

1. *Miami*, *Tiffin*, *Sandusky*, *Lancaster*, *Columbiana and the Northern German Classes*, have complied with the standing rules of Synod, requiring the annual election of members of the several Boards of our collegiate and Theological Institutions.

2. *Miami*, *Tiffin*, *St. Joseph*, *Sandusky*, *Columbiana*, *Clarion*, *Westmoreland*, *and Lancaster* Classes have recommended to their ministry and congregations, the establishment of missionary societies as requested by Synod.

3. *The Northern German and Indiana Classes* furnish in their minutes no action on this request of Synod.

4. All the Classes have complied with the request of Synod, with regard to the signing of the formula.

5. The Classes have also acquiesced in the wish expressed by Synod with regard to the more general introduction of Sabbath Schools.

6. The several propositions of Synod to make the benev-

olent contributions equal to twenty-five cents for each communicant member, and the appointment of a committee in each Classis to collect and invest funds for our Seminary, were rejected by some and complied with by other Classes.

V. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS OF MINISTERS.

1. *Miami Classis* licensed and ordained, J. Baumunk and A. Toensmeier, received Rev. J. C. Henneman from the Westmoreland, and Rev. A. G. Dole from the Maryland Classsis; restored Rev. J. Kercher to the ministry; received Rev. A. Rahn, from Germany; and dismissed Rev. G. Long. A. Rahn, H. Friedel, C. Kuss, and G. H. Zumpe to form the contemplated Classis of Indiana.

2. *Westmoreland Classis* received Rev. C. L. Hoffmeier from the Lebanon Classis.

3. *St. Joseph's Classis*, licensed Elias Spangler; dismissed Rev. Joseph Miller, to Clarion Classis; ordained A. G. Rutan and received Rev. W. Wasnich from Sandusky Classis.

4. *Clarion* Classis dismissed Rev. M. A. Smith to the Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. S. Miller to the Classis of Mercersburg.

5. *Lancaster Classis* licensed J. W. A. Shaffer; dismissed Rev. S. S. Rickley to the Tiffin Classis; and Rev. E. Kuhns, S. Jacobs and Jesse Schlosser to the N. S. Presbyterian Church, and erased from the roll the name of D. F. Phillips.

6. *Tiffin Classis* licensed and ordained Peter Bruecker, and dismissed H. W. Super to the Mercersburg Classis.

7. *Columbiana* Classis, received and ordained the Licentiate N. E. Gidds from the Classis of Virginia.

8. *Sandusky* Classis received the Rev. J. Ackeret from the Columbiana and the Rev. W K Zeiber from the Lebanon Classis; dismissed the Rev. W. K. Zeiber to the Miami Classis; the Rev. J. B. Thompson to either the Lancaster or Miami Classis.

VI. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES FOR 1853.

1. THE CLASSIS OF MIAMI meets in Clayton, Miami Co., Ohio, on the 1st Friday after 15th of May 1853, at 10 o'cloc

A. M.. Rev. D. Winters, President. the Rev. A. Freese, Stated Clerk. This Classis makes no provision for the publication of the proceedings of Synod in pamphlet form.

2. Lancaster Classis, meets in Sugar Grove, Fairfield Co., Ohio, on the Thursday before Whitisunday at 8 o'clock P. M., the Rev. F. W. Dechant President; I. S. Weis, Stated Clerk.

This Classis desires 24 English and ten German copies of the proceedings of Synod.

3. Columbiana Classis meets in the Harsh Church, Carroll Co., Ohio, on the 3d Saturday of May, 1853, at 8 o'clock A. M.. Rev. I. P. Mahnenschmidt President, A. Wanner Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 9 German copies and 10 English copies of the proceedings of Synod in pamphlet form.

4. Westmoreland Classis, meets in Stoystown, Somerset Co., Penn., on the first Thursday in June, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. H. Knepper, President, and Rev. S. H. Giesy, stated Clerk. This Classis desires 85 English and 45 German copies of the proceedings of Synod in pamphlet form.

5. Sandusky Classis meets in Rome, Richland Co., O., on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in May, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, and the Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 26 English copies, and 17 copies in the German language of the proceedings of Synod in pamphlet form.

6. Clarion Classis meets in Petersburg, Richland Township, Clarion Co., Pa., on the 1st Friday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M. 1853. The Rev. L. D. Leberman, President, and Rev. Hoffman Secretary. This Classis desires 82 English copies and 68 German copies of the proceedings of the Synod in pamphlet form.

7. St. Joseph's Classis meets in Neriah Church, Michigan, on the 14th of January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—The Rev. R. R. Salter, President, and the Rev. A. J. Ruten Stated Clerk.

8. The Northern German Classis will meet in Canal,

Fulton, Stark Co., Ohio, on the 1st Tuesday in June, A. D. 1853, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Rev J W Hamn, Pres., and J. G. Zahner Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 400 copies in the German and 100 in the English Language, of the proceedings of the Synod of Ohio in pamphlet form.

9. The Indiana Classis meets in Louisville, Kentucky, on Friday before the second Sabbath in May, A. D. 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. G. Long, President and G. H. Zumpe, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J STEINER, *Chair.*

ARTICLE XI.

NEW CLASSES.

The dismission of several ministers by Miami Classis to form the Classis of Indiana, the minutes of the Classis of Indiana, and all other papers referring thereto, were referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. R. R. Salters, D. B. Ernst, J. Ohl, and J. T. Blain.

This committee made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The special committee to whom were referred the minutes of the proposed Classis of Indiana, and other documents, beg leave to present the following for the consideration of Synod.

Your Committee hail with delight the spirit of Church extension, manifested by the various portions of our Reformed Zion, and greet with pleasure its westward tendendy, and as the brethren in Indiana were constitutionally dismissed, in accordance with the wishes of Synod heretofore expressed; Your Committee would respectfully present the following resolutions:

1 *Resolved*, That the organization of the Classis of Indiana at Indianopolis on the 24th of June, 1852, be recognized, and the name be entered on the roll of Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the boundaries of Indiana Classis be as follows, viz: All that portion of the State of Indiana, not included in the Classis of St. Joseph, and all that por-

tion of the State of Kentucky, west of the west line of the State of Ohio.

3. *Resolved*, That the ministers of the German Reformed Church, west of the boundaries hitherto belonging to the Classis of Miami, be requested to connect themselves with this Classis until such time as a constitutional number of ministers may be enabled to form, a Southern Illinois or Missouri Classis.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. R. SALTER'S, Chair.

Resolved, that so soon as the constitutional number of ministers of the German Reformed Church, shall reside in the State of Wisconsin, they be authorized to organize the Classis of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE XII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The standing Committee on Synodical minutes reported. Their report was received, considered item by item, and adopted as follows:

WESTERN SYNOD.

1. Page 6 —The appointment of a Committee to attend to the "Columbiana Difficulties."

The Chairman of the Committee sent in a report, signed by himself and another member; but inasmuch as it was not a report of a majority of the Committee the report was not received.

Resolved, That this report with all other items connected with the Columbiana difficulties be referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. G. Zahner, L. D. Leberman, I. S. Weisz, J. Kroh and H. Sliffe.

This Committe submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom were referred the difficulties of Columbiana Classis together with the minority report of the special committee on those difficulties, would respectfully report the following:

From the documents placed into our hands, it appears,

that so much of those difficulties as related to the case of Rev. Mr. Spangler, has been satisfactorily settled by the above named Committee, as also that part of the difficulties which had reference to the Columbiana congregation. It appears also that the Committee were unable to do anything in the case of Rev. N. Paltzgroff, from the fact that although regularly cited to appear before the committee of the Synod, he did not make his appearance before said committee. He was afterwards requested, however, by Columbiana Classis to sign the formula, and on refusing to do so, he was required by Classis, in order to prepare the way for future action in his case, to give a written statement of his reasons why he could not sign the formula.—This statement is referred to this Synod by Columbiana Classis for final action, and at the time the reference was made, Columbiana Classis earnestly requested Mr. Paltzgroff to appear before this Synod to answer for himself, which, however, as is now evident, he did not do. Your Committee is unanimously of the opinion that if there is any meaning contained in the statement of Mr. Paltzgroff, it is this, that no guilt whatever attaches to original sin and that consequently original sin for him is only an empty name, which is contrary not only to the teachings of our symbolical book, but contrary also to all the orthodox Protestant confessions. The statement of Mr. Paltzgroff evidently contains a denial of that part of the 10th question of the Heidleberg catechism which relates to original or hereditary sin. That this is no misrepresentation of his views can be readily seen by a reference to the Proceeding of the Navarre Synod on page 6, No. 3, where Mr. Paltzgroff, in a letter to Synod, says that he cannot subscribe to one half of the 10th question of the catechism, which he hoped Synod would not regard as sufficient to merit excommunication. That such a denial, heretical as it is in itself, necessarily involves unsound and erroneous views with regard to the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel, must be plain to every intelligent christian.—Your Committee would therefore recommend the following action to be taken in this case:

1. *Resolved*, That in view of these facts, the name of Mr. N. Paltzgroff be stricken from the list of ministers of Columbiana Classis.

2. *Resolved*, That the committee of Synod on the difficulties in question be hereby discharged.

J. G. Zahner,
I. S. Weisz,
L. D. Leberman,
Henry Sliffe,
Jacob Kroh.

The yeas and nays being demanded upon the adoption of the 1st resolution, resulted as follows:

Yeas.—Rev. J. Ackeret, D. B Ernst, L. D. Leberman, Geo. Rettig, H. Rust, F. Wahl, A. Wanner, I. S. Weiz, G. W. Williard, D. Winters, J. G. Zahner, C. Zwisler, S. R. Fisher, *Elders*, Jos. Coblentz, D. Kiehl, J. Kroh, J. Prugh, H. Sliffe. and John Bretz. 19

Nays —Rev. A. J. Rutan, R. R. Salters, H. Shaull, J Steiner, T. H. Winters, *Elders*, J. Jinkins, T. Miller, J. Ohl, and P. Loose. 9.

2. Page 7.—The appointment of Rev. J. G. Zahner to translate and publish the minutes of Synod in the German language.

The following report was made by Rev J G Zahner which was received and adopted.

The undersigned would respectfully report to this Synod that according to the direction of this body, he has translated and published in the German language the minutes of last year together with the inaugural addresses. There had been only 276 copies ordered by the several classes, but as it was desirable to furnish the brethren of the German Synod, each with a copy of our minutes, I had 300 copies struck off. The following is the printers bill:

Composition	$42,00
Press work	7,00
Paper	19,00
Postage for sending	1,04
Boxage and drayage	41
Bookbinders bill	6,00
For statistical tables from Chambersburg	10,00
Transportation from Chambersburg	2,87
Postage for proofsheets and letters	7,93
Total	$91,80.

The minutes were delayed by the bookbinders from the first of April till the first of May. The binder having no good title for his house and shop, was dispossessed by the Court, the first week in April; which occasioned a delay for nearly four weeks, for the binder could not work until he had another shop. The minutes however were sent from Canton the second week in May last; the last box of them was sent on the 13th of May. The minutes of Clarion Classis were sent to Rev. S. Miller, then in Zelionople, in care of R. H. King of Pittsburgh, and the minutes of Westmoreland Classis have been directed to Rev. Mr. Giesy of Greensburgh in care of R. H. King of Pittsburg.—The others have been sent by mail except those of Sandusky Classis.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. G. ZAHNER.

3. Page 10.—The appointment of a committee to carry into effect the plan of union between this and the German Synod.

The Committee made the following report which was received and adopted.

The Committee which was appointed by Synod to correspond with the brethren of the German Synod, relative to a reunion of the two bodies, would respectfully report to Synod, that they have attended to this duty and are happy to say that have succeeded in removing the scruples of some of the leading members of the German Synod and in convincing the whole body that a reunion on the basis laid down by the General convention held in Miamisburg was not only practicable, but would best subserve the interest of our German Reformed Zion in the west. Consequently the plan of Synod for a reunion was unanimously adopted by the German Synod in their meeting in June last at Akron, Summit co., Ohio, appointed for the place of organizing the Northern German Classis. This Classis was organized on the 22nd day of June last, and transacted the usual business, elected its delegates to this Reformed Syn-

od, and has sent up its proceedings, as the Constitution requires.

Your committee believes, that by a faithful adherence to the genius and history of the church of our Fathers and by a wise and prudent course on the part of this Synod, the whole church will more and more become united in spirit and in love, and the English and the German brethren be brought to act harmoniously in one spirit and with one mind, which will produce the happiest effects in strengthening and extending our church in this Western world.

That the Lord may grant this, is the prayer of your committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. G. ZAHNER, Chair.

4. Page 17.—A committee continued to obtain a charter for Heidelberg College and an amended charter for the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued another year.

5. Page 19.—Committee to settle with the late Treasurer of Synod.

The Committee made an informal report and was discharged.

6 Page 20 —Instructing the Board of Trustees of the College to procure a deed for the College ground.

An informal report was made. The Trustees are instructed and urged to attend to this matter immediately.

7. Page 21.—The continuance of a committee to draft a contitution for the Seminary.

The following report was received and adopted:

The chairman of the committee appointed to draft a constitution for the Theological Seminary, has given careful attention to the consideration of the subject. The experience of a year has served on the one hand to modify some views previously held, and on the other to suggest some new thoughts respecting the best mode of regulating

the affairs of such an Institution. Preliminary steps were taken to lay the outlines of a constitution before Synod.—Limited experience, however, and the short time that the German Reformed Church of the West has had a Theological school in operation, rendered it difficult to solve the questions that were necessarily involved in the undertaking; and wisdom seemed to dictate the propriety of deferring a final decision for at least a year longer, when additional knowledge of the wants of your Seminary may enable your committee to frame something better calculated to ensure order and efficiency than any thing they might be able to propose now. The request is therefore made that the committee be continued.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. V. GERHART.

8. Page 32.—The postponement of the adoption of the Report on the Liturgy.

The report of the Committee, as found on page 32, minutes of 1851 was adopted.

It was furthermore resolved, that a standing committee of five be appointed to confer and co-operate with the committee on the Liturgy of the eastern Synod, in order that by the two committees a suitable Liturgy may be prepared for the whole German Reformed Church. The committee consists of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, Jesse Steiner, D. Kemmerer, Joseph Coblentz and Jacob Kroh.

9. Page 34.—The election of three editors, to be also a committee to carry into effect certain arrangements having reference to the Kirchenzeitung.

This committee was discharged.

10. Page 34.—The appointment of financial committees by the Board of Trustees in the bounds of the several classes.

Resolved, That the whole subject of the investment of the funds be left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

11. Page 10.—Appointment of a delegate to the Eastern Synod.

The following report from the delegate was received and adopted:

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio, and adjacent States, at Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio:

The undersigned would report that he was permitted to attend to the duty assigned him by this body, and was present at all the sessions of the Synod of North America, held in Lancaster Pennsylvania, from Saturday morning the 17th of October, 1851, to the close of Synod on Thursday noon, the 23d of the same month.

This body had a great amount of important business before them, and some of vast importance to the future prosperity of the entire Church, East and West of the Mountains. The financial affairs of their Institutions, the resignation of Professor Nevin, the subject of systematic Benevolence, with some others, were perplexing and of great interest to the church. Your delegate is however, able to report to you that these matters were all disposed of with a great deal of caution and considerable of unanimity of feeling, and from all that your delegate was able to learn from the transactions of the business of Synod and other reliable sources, he is happy to say that the German Reformed church within the geographical limits of this Synod is in a more prosperous condition than she has been for a number of years. The members of the church have become more sensible of their responsibility to God and the church, to support her Institutions, and to build up the waste places in the Lord's vineyard. There can be but little doubt that in a few more years this Synod will be free from her embarrassed condition, and become able to do a great work in the great cause of Missions. Never can your delegate forget the anxious desire expressed by them for the prosperity of the church in the West. On taking

my leave of Synod, the President in his remarks to your delegate, expressed but the feelings of that Rev. Body, "that the church in the West occupied a warm place in their hearts." Your delegate was duly consulted on all subjects having refference to the prosperity of the church within your bounds, though some was transacted without his concurrence.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. SCHLOSSER.

Resolved, That an order be drawn in favor of J. Schlosser on the Treasury, for $25, for traveling expenses to the eastern Synod.

EASTERN SYNOD.

1. The appointment of Rev. C. H. Leinbach *primarius*, and Rev. S. R. Fisher, *secundus*, delegate to this body.

2. The reference of Rev. Casper Pluess to connect himself and congregations with this Synod, as soon as the way shall be open for the organization of a Classis in Wisconsin.

See action of Synod under head of "New Classes."

Respectfully Submitted,

D. B. ERNST, Chair.

ARTICLE XIII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Mr. H. Augustus Winter, from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, and Mr. J. C. Klar, from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, made application to Synod for licensure and ordination.

Their application was referred to the standing committee which made the following report:

Your committee on examination, licensure, and ordination, respectfully beg leave to report, that we have attended to the examination of the applicants, H. Augustus Winter and J. C. Klar, on the whole course of study embraced in our Theological Seminary; which examination was sat-

isfactory. Your committee therefore, take great pleasure, in recommending them to Synod for Licensure.

All of which is respectfully Submitted,

H. SHAULL, Chair.

The Licentiate H. A. Winter and J. A. Klar, having signed the constitutional formula in the presence of Synod, received from the hands of the President their certificate of Licensure.

Resolved, That Mr J. C Klar be ordained by a committee of Synod on Wednesday evening. The coommittee consists of Rev. I S Weisz, D B Ernst and A Wanner.

Resolved, That the following be a committee of Synod to ordain Mr H A Winter as a missionary, within the bounds of his missionary field. Rev. E V Gerhart, F Wahl, J B Ruhl, A Keller and M Stern.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The present board organized during the session of Synod in Miamisburg by the election of the Rev George W Williard president, J T Blain, Esq, Secretary and Saml Rule, Esq, Treasurer. During the course of the year, Mr Rule resigned the Treasurership, upon having determined upon removing to California with his family; whereupon J T Blain was appointed Treasurer, for the remainder of the year. The Board has had three meetings during the year, and given special care and attention to all matters relating to its interests by private correspondence with the different portions of the church; and we are happy to state that from our knowledge of the present state and condition of the Theological Seminary, this Synod has great reason for encouragement and renewed efforts.

The general agent has been prosecuting his agency during the past year with his usual efficiency and success,

at such times as he was able to be absent from the people of his charge. Notes and bonds of a considerable amount have heen handed over to the Board as will be seen from the Treasurer's report. The church has shown a commendable zeal and attachment to our institutions by their liberal contributions, which has been made wherever the agent has gone, and as the agent now expects to devote his entire attention to the work in which he is engaged, it is fondly anticipated that the endowment will soon be fully consummated.

We are sorry to be under the necessity of reporting to this Synod that there is a small deficiency still due the Prof for his salary. This has arisen from a variety of causes over which this Board had no control. First we had several old claims, one of which has now been paid, to which we had according to the direction of Synod to give immediate attention. Then it has been with much delay and great difficulty that the Board has been able to put into successful operation the plan that was adopted at the meeting of Synod in Miamisburg one year ago, for the collecting and investment of the funds due to the Seminary, within the bounds of the different Classes. Much praise is due the Rev P C Pugh for the attention he has given to the collection of funds due from the bounds of the Miami Classis. The experience of the Board during the past year satisfies us that it will be necessary for this Synod to modify the plan that was then adopted for the collection and nvestment of the funds due the Seminary.

The Board would urge the importance of Synod devising some way by which the notes and interests on Plainfield Bonds will be more regularly collected. This will be necessary to pay with promptness the salary of the Professor, and to meet the obligalion which the former Board made o loan one thousand dollars of its funds.

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in reference to the Reedy bequest. His report we herewith submit to Synod for its examination and adoption, if it meets its approbation. In this connection it is proper that we should direct the attention of Synod to the importance of refunding as soon as possible the $300 that were paid out of the Reedy Bequest to the citizens of Tarlton as damages for the removal of the Institutions of the city of Tiffin, to their present location.

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In conclusion the Board feels constrained to acknowledge the great goodness which God has extended to us as a church, in blessing and prospering our efforts in establishing our school of the Prophets.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Pres.

2. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following report from the committee was received and adopted:

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There has been paid in on the endowment Fund $107. There is due the Rev. H. Shaull, General Agent, as per centage $215,35. There has also been collected by the Rev. P C Prugh, Chairman of the Financial Committee, in the Miami Classis, which is subject to the draft of the Board, $340.

Your committee received no report from the Board of Visitors, but from the personal knowledge of your committee, there were six young men who were regularly in the Seminary during the past year, one of whom is now at this Synod as a candidate for Licensure.

In conclusion, your committee cannot close this report without expressing our deepest sense of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the blessings he has so graciously vouchsafed unto us.

As your committee are of the opinon that the various items contained in this report require some action to be ta-

ken on them on the part of this body, they would respectfully offer the following reselutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Theologlogical Seminary, be instructed to authorize the Rev. H. Shaull, Agent of the Seminary, to collect the subscriptions and interests on Plainfield Bonds, within his field of operation, as he may have opportunity.

2. *Resolved*, That the ministers of our church be earnestly requested to make special efforts in the collection of books for the purpose of enlarging the library of the Seminary and that the attention of Classis be directed to the subject.

3. *Resolved*, That in the solemn judgement of this Synod, the importance of an increase of candidates for the Gospel ministry in our Synod is so great, that Synod affectionately and earnestly requests the Classes to devise suitable measures, to present this great cause to the church during the present year.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be authorized to secure the services of an additional instructor in the Seminary, should they deem it practicable or expedient, on the condition however, that means be provided to pay the expenses thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. WAHL, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That this Synod request all the ministers connected with Synod to hold special collections for the immediate use of the Seminary, and that the attention of the Classes be drawn to the importance of this subject.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary take from the Treasurer a penal bond of $5,000 for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

3. REPORT OF J. U. GIESY, FORMER TREASURER.

The following report was read before Synod, and is here printed as found among the papers relating to the Seminary.

Report of J. U. Giesy, Treasurer of the Synod of Ohio.

and adjacent states in account with said Synod up to the 1st of September, 1848, with respect to the Reedy Bequest.

Original amount of the Reedy Bequest.	$500,00
Interest on $300,00 loaned to Rev Geo. Weis from the 27th of September, 1841 to the 1st of September 1848 at the rate of four per cent. according to agreement entered into between the Synod and its Treasurer at the meeting held in Columbus, 1846.	$83,16
Interest on $200 from the time of investment, which was the 1st of Septemher, 1845, up to the 1st of September 1848 at the same rate of interest,	24,00
Whole amount due Synod 1st of Sept. 1848,	607,16
Interest on $607,16 from the 1st of September 1848, when a new Treasurer was appointed, up to the 1st of Sept. 1852, at the rate of six per cent.	145,71
Whole amount due Synod,	752,87

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Paid Rev. H. Williard, chairman of committee to settle damages, with the people of Tarlton, occasioned by the removal of the Institution of the church to Tiffin, on the 8th of April, 1852,	300,00
Interest on $300 from the 8th of April, 1851 to the 1st of September, 1852,	25,00
Handed over to Rev. Geo. Williard a note against the 1st German Reformed Church of Lancaster, Ohio, calling for	224,00
Interest on said note from the 1st of September 1848, up to the 1st of September, 1852	53,76
Whole amount of offsets	602,76
Whole amount due Synod the 1st of Sept. 1852,	752,87
Offsets	602,76
Ballance due Synod from J. U. Giesy,	150,11

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN U. GIESY, *Treas.*

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEO. SEMINARY.

(NOTE.—The Stated Clerk prints the following financial details, just as they have come into his hands, not feeling at liberty to arrange them differently.)

FUND FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

S. RULE, *Treasurer.*

1851. In acct. with Theological Seminary Ger. Ref. Church.

DR.

Sept.	22.	to Collec. in Neriah church for immediate use per Rev. D. Kroh	$3,50
	27.	" " Rome " A. Stump	2,75
	"	" " Rev. Jno. Rike's charge	6,00
Oct.	2.	" " Miamisburg per Rev. Geo. Long	5,25
	"	" Int of Mos. Shearer on Plainfield Bond	6,00
	"	" " Israel Staley	6,00
	10	" collection per Rev. Henneman at Arnheim im. use	2,00
	15	" " Rev. F. W. Dechant collection in his charge	12,45
	18	" " Max Stern Freemansburg Cong, Pennsylvania,	8,00
	"	" " Wm. Conrad, Somerset charge Pa.	8,00
	24	" Amount per Abraham Beam, Somerset county, Pa.	10,00
	25	" Rev. H. Wahl int. on Plainfield Bond	6,00
Nov.		" Col. per Rev. G. Wolff in his charge	13,75
		" " " " J. G. Zahner " "	6,00
		" " " " A. Wanner per 4 individuals each one dollar,	4,00
		" " " " J. P. Thompson col. in Mansfield charge	4,50
		" Int of John Boyer on Plainfield Bond	4,00
		" " David Wilkin " "	6,00
		" " Peter Pence " "	6,00
		" " Wm. A. Charles " "	3,00
		" " Noah Fawley " "	3,00
		" " Jesse Peterson " "	3,00

	" " Abel Peterson " "	1,00
	" M. Falk per Rev. A Wanner im. use	1,00
	" Col. in Lancaster charge per Rev. H. Willard	5,00
		$133,20
1852.		
Jan.	To Amt, from Leonard Hawk im. use	1,00
	" " Rev. Henry Hoffman " "	5,00
Mar. 22.	" col. per Rev. G. H. Zumpe in Evansville congregation, Ind.	5,00
		$144,20
1851.		Cr.
Oct	By Postage paid on 136 circulars sent to Ministers in the Eastern Synod,	4,08
1852.		
Jan. 2.	" Amount paid Prof. Gerhart on salary	99,12
Mar. 31	" " " " " " "	41,00
		$144,20

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1851.		Dr.
Sept 20.	To ballance in hand on settlement to-day	$57,00
Oct. 2.	" 1st installment on Note of Geo. Faust	5,00
Nov.	" amount Jacob Maglott Note	5,00
1852		
Jan.	" cash from Jacob Shroeder End Fund	10,00
"	" Jacob Carr installment on Note	5,00
		$82,00
1852.		Cr.
Jan. 2	By amount paid Rev. H. Shaull, collected of M. Boots.	$10,00
		$72,00

FUND FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

J. T. BLAIN, *Treas. pro tem.*

In account with the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

1852.			Dr.
May 17	To 2 yrs. int. on P. Bond from Rev. H. Williard,		$12,00
24	" 1 yrs. Int.	" Rev. D. Winters	6,00
"	" " "	" " J. H. Buser	5,00
"	" " "	" Peter Baddorf	3,00
June 8	" " "	" Jacob Bunn	6,00
"	" " "	" Sam'l Besore	6,00
"	" Col. in Rev J. Zahner's charge for immediate use		7,00
"	" " in Rev. A. Wanner's "		3,00
9	2 yrs. int. on P. Bond from J. Ketteman		6,00
"	1 " " "	" Rev. I. S. Weisz	6,00
July 3	" " " "	" And. H Baughman	6,00
"	" " " "	" Mary Baughman	6,00
"	" " " "	" Jona Snyder	6,00
"	" " " "	" J. Steel & S Ankney	3,00
"	" " " "	" S. Puterbaugh	3,00
"	" col. in Columbus Church Rev. G. W. Williard im. use		2,10
"	" 1 yrs int. on P. Bond for P. & J. L. Bretz,		6,0
"	" " " "	" John Bretz	3,00
"	" " " "	" Shilling	3,00
"	" " " "	" John Boyer	2,00
"	" " " "	" Rev. F. Wahl	6,00
22	" " "	" N. & J. G. Ketterman	3,00
	" " "	" Jno. Shannon	3,00
	" col. in Xenia charge Rev. P. Prugh immediate use		6,00
	" " from Rev. P Fisher, Boalsburg, Pa.		10,00
	" 1 years int. on P. Bond from Jno. Reedy		3,00
Aug 9	" 2 " "	" Jno. Heddleson	6,00
	" Int. rec. from J. U. Giesy, Esq., on Ready Request		150,00

Brought over.		$287,10
	To 1 yrs. int. on Jno. & Wm Roda	3,00
	" " " Jos. & Sam'l Saville	3,00
		$293,10
Aug. 13	To 1 yrs. int. on Plainfield Bond Jesse Prugh,	6,00
"	" col. im. use per Rev. J. G. Zahner Mt Eaton congregation	3,00
14	" 1 yrs. int. on P. Bond Moses Foltz	6,00
" " " "	Mrs. Amelia Smertz	6,00
		$314,10

Amount carried to opposite side.

1852.		Cr.
May 1	By amt. rec. by Rev. J. H. Good and paid to Prof. Gerhart	$13,00
June 5	" " pd. on Prof. Gerhart on 1st yrs. sal.	22,00
July 3	" " " " " " "	58,00
20	" " " " " " "	26,10
29	" " " Rev. A. Freese order of Synod	75,00
" " "	" Prof. Gerhart on 1st yrs sal.	99,00
		293,10

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treas. pro tem Theo. Sem.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treas. pro tem.*

In account with the Theological Seminary Ger. Ref. Church

1852.		Dr.
April 6	To amt rec. from S Rule by late Treas.	$72,00
26	" 2 last installments on Note from Geo. Carr,	5,00

June 8.	" Installment on M. Nasa's Note	10,00
		$87,00
Aug. 14	" Mrs Rebecca Werner 4 payments in full of Note;	20,00
1852.		Dr.
	To amt. bro't from above	$314,10
Aug. 14	" 1 yrs. int. on P Bond of Jacob Kuhn	3,00
	" " 1 " " " Henry Kumler	3,00
	" " " " " William Betz	6,00
	" " " " " Rev. H. Shaull	6,00
		$332,10
	" " amt rec. from Wm Hoff Treas: Synod part int. on $344 borrowed of Reedy Bequest,	13,50
		$345,60
		Cr.
	By amount from above,	$293,10
	" Ballance on hand,	52,50
		$345,60

The Treasurer of the Board would here state that there has been deposited with him since the last meeting of Synod Bonds and Notes amounting to $2795,00.

There are due on interest from Plainfield Bonds on the 1st of June 1852 $466, of which amount but a small sum has been paid to the Treasurer. If this amount were collected, all liabilities against the Seminary board could be liquidated and leave a ballance on hand for use.

Wishing to see our Theological Seminary free and when so, to keep it free, I have expended considerable time and labor to have the interest all collected up close, but as yet my efforts were not entirely successful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treas. pro tem.*
Theo. Sem. Ger. Ref. Church.

ENDOWMENT FUND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The following monies are in the hands of Rev P. C Prugh, Chaiman of the collecting committee of Miami Classis as having been received on Notes and Bonds:

Rec. of John Wolf	$10,00
Adam Rader Jr.	10,00
John Bates	10,00
Jacob Sanm	20,00
John Harbine	10,00
Ebenezer Steel	5,00
T. Shannon	10,00
Adam Hawker	5,00
William Brown	25,00
Jacob Coy	10,00
Jacob Ankeny	10,00
Mary Ketteman	5,00
Lt M. M. Ketteman	5,00
Mary Wolf	2,00
Peter Cost	10,00
Rejina Cost	10,00
Elizabeth Rader	3,00
Harry Steel	10,00
James Hawkins	10,00
Adam Boots	10,00
David Hawkins	10,00
Jacob Boots	10,00
Jno. Allen	10,00
S. Crumbaugh	10,00
Ann E. Stemble	10,00
Martin Boots	30,00
William Neible	5,00
Isaac S. Vancleaf	5,00
David Prugh	5,00
Jacob Ridenour	10,00
J. Oram	10,00
Philip Cost	10,00
Jos. & Sam'l Savill's of Samuel, P. Bond.	25,00
	$340,00

A true copy from the list in my possession.

J. T. BLAIN, *Treas. Theo. Sem.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Due Prof. E. V. Gerhart to June, 1st '52		600,0
"	do expenses del'g. Books and bonds	6,4
"	do "removing to Tiffin	55,0
		$671,4
Paid Prof. Gerhart on salary 1st year		537,7
Due	" to Jan. 1st 1852	133,6
"	Rev. H. Shaull per cent: 1st settlement	120,1
"	" " 2d "	68,2
"	" " 3d "	47,0
		$235,3
Paid Rev. H. Shaull of Mr. Wanner		20,0
		$215,3
Due Prof. Gerhart 1st quarters salary 2nd year		150,0
" by the Seminary		499,12

Assets to meet liabilities being int on P Bonds about 400,0

JNO. T. BLAIN, *Treas. pro tem.*

ARTICLE XV.

PUBLICATION.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The following report was received from the Board and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Your Board was organized by the election of Dr. J. U Heckerman as President and Rev. R. Good as Secretary

From the report of the editor, it will appear that the debt of the establishment has been reduced during the year the amount of $147,49.

Inasmuch as the publication of the Missionary by Rev. J. H. Good at his own risk, was approved by the late Synod, the same arrangement was continued during the present year.

In view of the vast amount of influence wielded for good

in the past four years, by the Western Missionary; in view of its indispensable aid in the proper carrying forward of all the institutions of the Church, your Board would again commend this great enterprise to the ministry and laity, for continued effort and prayer in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. HECKERMAN, *Prest.*

R. GOOD, *Sect.*

2. *Report of the Editor and Treasurer.*

The following report was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

To the Board of Publication of the Synod of Ohio:

The undersigned, editor and Treasurer of the Board begs leave to lay before you the following report:

Under the approval of the last Synod the Missionary has been again carried forward during the present year, as a private enterprise; the risk involved in its publication having been entirely assumed by the undersigned.

This arrangement has again been satisfactory and successful. Under it the Missionary has been published regularly every two weeks, including a larger amount of original matter than was furnished in any previous volume.—The debt of the Missionary has been very materially reduced.

The Financial report appended has reference only to the affairs of the Missionary which remained unsettled at the time the new arrangement went into operation, which was January 1st, 1851.

After deep consideration of the subject, and under all the circumstances of the case, the undersigned feels himself constrained to present to the Synod through your Board his resignation as Editor and Treasurer of the Western Missionary, to take effect from and after the 1st day of September ensuing;—with the earnest hope and prayer that Synod may be enabled to make such arrangements with regard to it, as shall insure its continuance and efficiency It is with painful feeling that he thus severs the tie that

has connected him with this enterprise since its commencement. May it live and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. GOOD.

3. *Financial report of the Western Missionary.*

1. RECEIPTS.

Received on subscriptions to the Western Missionary from October 1st 1851, to August 1st 1852, unpaid subscriptions due for the years 1849 and 1850,	$132,50
Ballance on hand at last report	14,99
	147,49

2. EXPENDITURES.

Paid amount due on paper for No's. 45,46, 47, 48	20,00
" " " the editor for the year 1849	34,34
" part of amount due editor for 1850,	93,15
	147,49

3. ASSETS.

Estimated amount of subscriptions on the books for 1849 and 1850 still unpaid,	550,00

4. DEBTS.

Ballance of amount due the editor for 1850,	$157,75
Amount due editor from Oct. 1st 1850, to Jan. 1st 1851	112,50
Loan from H. D. M.	25,00
" " a friend	100,00
" " the Treasury of Synod	100,00
	$495,25

4 *Report of the Committee on Publication.*

A report was received from the standing Committee on Publication, and made the order of the day for Tuesday morning at the opening of Synod.

Pending the discussion of the report, it was resolved that the yeas and nays be taken in regard to the proprie-

ty of the purchase of a printing establishment by Synod. The vote stood yeas 11. Nays 11. Not voting 10.

It was then resolved, *that the resignation of the present editor be accepted.* Upon this resolution Rev. F Wahl requested to have his vote recorded in the negative.

Subsequently, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Western Missionary be published during the year 1853 according to the arrangements during the years 1851 and 1852, and that the Rev. J. H. Good be requested to continue editor as heretofore, and that he be and is hereby anthorized to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary.

The following report of the Committee on Publication was then adopted.

The Committee on Publication would present to Synod the following report:

They have carefully examined the report of the Board of Publication, together with that of the editor and Treasurer, from which they learn that the Western Missionary has been published during the present year under the arrangement that was approved by the Synod of Miamisburg—that is, at the entire risk and responsibility of the editor himself. From his report it appears that the debt of former years has been considerably reduced, not so much by the increase of subscriptions to the paper, as by the collection of outstanding dues. There is still a large amount however unpaid, perhaps quite sufficient to cancel all liabilities if collected, but of which it is to be feared, considerable will be lost. The Missionary has up to this time been, in many ways, of great service to the church, and when we consider that it is absolutely necessary for us to have such an organ in our midst, and that it will wield an influence for good, only in proportion to the countenance and support which it receives, it becomes a matter of great importance to devise ways and means by which it may successfully be sustained. Under the present arrangement, although perhaps the best one of which our circum-

stances hitherto would admit, it is evident the enterprise cannot long be carried forward, a fact, which the editor himself seems to be fully aware of, and which has been the subject of remark throughout the church. Your Committee regret to learn from the editor's report that he feels himself constrained to withdraw from his present connection with the enterprise—due notice of which he gives in the form of a resignation to take effect from and after the 1st day of September next. In conclusion, your Committee would merely make mention, that a request has come up from the Classis of Miami to the effect that the Missionary hereafter be made to contain more church and editorial matter, and that greater attention be paid to its mechanical execution—also a request from the Classis of St. Joseph's, for the purchase of a printing press in case it can be done without involving Synod too greatly in debt.

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the editor be authorized, so soon as he, in connection with the Board of Publication shall deem it judicious, to publish the Missionary weekly, at the rate of $1,50 per annum.

Resolved, That our delegate to the Eastern Synod be instructed, in the name of this Synod, affectionately and earnestly to request the Eastern Synod to grant this Synod the copy-right privilege to publish the Hymn Books of the church, and that the editor, in connection with the Board of Publication, be authorized to publish said Hymn Books, provided the same can be done without involving Synod in any pecuniary responsibility.

Resolved, That the several Classes comprising this Synod be and hereby are requested to take into consideration, the propriety of purchasing a printing press, to be the property of Synod.

ARTICLE XVI.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the state of Religion within the bounds of our Synod, submitted the following report

which was received and adopted:

The committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, respectfully submit the following as their report:

Beloved Brethren in Christ:

To give a full and accurate report of the dealings of God to a portion of his church, covering as large an extent of territory as ours, is by no means an easy task. Every minister when called upon to present an annual report of his labors in his own particular sphere, feels at a loss to do justice to his subject; how much more difficult must it not then be to compress in the small space usually alloted to this report, all the various changes and vicissitudes for good and evil, through which we as a church have been called to pass during the year now brought to a close. Yet deficient as it is we will, nevertheless, endeavor to present as full and satisfactory a report of the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod as the means of our information will warrant us.

And in doing this our report will to a certain extent bear the same face with those of previous years containing matters of encouragement and discouragement. This may naturally be expected as long as the church remains in her present militant state. The trials and fortunes through which she must necessarily pass in her conflict with sin; and the powers of darkness, mark her outward history with events both of a cheering and disheartening nature. This has always been the case, and will continue until the church gains a complete and final triumph over every thing that opposes and exalts itself against God. But although the picture contains dark spots which more or less deface its beauty, yet it will be easy to see that there is still much to excite us to renewed and persevering efforts in the cause of our common Lord and Master.

In calling attention to the encouraging features in our history during the past year, your committee feels constrained to acknowledge with devout gratitude the great goodness which God has been pleased to extend to us, not-

withstanding our unworthiness and unfaithfulness. From every part of our beloved Zion we have the most encouraging statements of what God has done for us. The labors of his servants, who have been enabled to prosecute their work with scarcely any interruption by sickness or death, have been covered with the most abundant and blessed results. The promise of Christ, so full of comfort and encouragement, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," has been verified in the history of all the Classes, as their reports fully testify.

The past year has been one of marked growth and enlargement to our church in the West. It is indeed hard to realize the change that has taken place in this respect. Few of the Fathers, who twenty years ago were toiling and laboring almost single-handed against the strong and powerful opposition with which they had every where to contend, could have anticipated the happy change that has taken place. The child has grown to the statue of a man. Our numerical strength has more than doubled itself within the last few years, whilst our territorial limits now embrace many of the fairest and most inviting portions of the great West. Instead of seeing this Synod composed of a few pioneers of care-worn and dejected countenances, we have the unspeakable pleasure of recording upon our list, the names of delegates from no less than ten classes, which number in all about one hundred ministers.—

Well may we exclaim in view of this rapid and unprecedented growth, what has not God wrought!

Along with this outward growth and extension of our Zion in the increase of numerical strength and territorial limits, we have reason to believe there has, at the same time, been a corresponding development of the internal life and power of the church. This is clearly evident to every one who will but contrast the present state of things with that which existed only a few years since. Wherever we look, we see a healthy active state of piety manifesting itself in earnest and praise worthy efforts to advance and

build up the interests of the church. In some portions of our territory, where, until a few years ago, we scarcely had a name, our denomination is already rising in strength and influence along by the side of other tribes of God's Israel. The church seems to have become conscious of her true character and mission, and is therefore taking more active measures to occupy the ground which rightfully belongs to us. Our people are evidently more deeply and thoroughly penetrated with the life and power of christianity. This manifests itself in a variety of ways. Hence we see a more regular and faithful attendance upon the various means of grace The sacraments and preached word are more truly appreciated. The ministry in many portions of the church is better supported. New churches are being built, and old ones re-modeled so as to subserve more effectually the purposes for which they were erected. Long established and overgrown churches have been divided, so as to furnish our people with a larger amount of religious service; old congregations and new charges have been constituted at different destitute points, some of which are already self-supporting. Sabbath schools have been introduced in the different classes to a greater extent than at any former period of our history, and are enjoying the confidence and fostering care of the church. The same thing may also be said of Prayer Meetings, of family religion and the various benevolent operations that are employed by the church at large for the more general and speedy dissemination of the truths of the Gospel of Christ. There are cheering indications that a brighter and better day has begun to dawn upon our horizon. May it increase in effulgence to the perfect day.

That this is not an overstrained picture of the present state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, may be proven by a reference to the reports of the different classes upon this subject, from only one of which we shall furnish a short extract. "We learn," says the Lancaster Classis, "that the public worship of God in general, is well attended. That the holy sacraments have been regularly ad-

ministered and solemnly observed by a goodly number in the several congregations under our supervision as a church judicatory. Catechetical instruction with its happy results, at least to some considerable extent, in several charges has been attended to. Sabbath Schools, social prayer, and devotion in the domestic circle are also regarded and observed with their hallowed influences in a number of our pastoral charges; and last, though not least, the benevolent operations of the church have received the hearty co-operation, and been met with favorable responses on the part of our people. Such indications will not fail to inspire hope of success, and are indications of true and heartfelt attachment to the interests of Christ's Kingdom."—Language like this seems to run throughout all the reports of the different classes, which makes it unnecessary for us to burden you with any further extracts in confirmation of what we have said.

In addition to these favorable indications of our prosperity and growth, it is with pleasure that your committee have noticed an increased attachment on the part of the church to our symbol of faith—the Heidelberg Catechism. In every direction there is an evident rallying around this as the centre of attraction, and the proper expression of our true church life. A general enquiry seems to proceed alike from those who a few years ago were in danger of being engulfed in the vortex of excitement and fanaticism, and from those whose religion had degenerated into a cold, dead formality, after "the good old way" which avoids these extremes on either side. Hence when the children of the church are gathered together in the catechetical class, as we are happy to state is generally the case the system of instruction that is there imparted is in a great measure free from the abuses to which this, as every thing else that is good, is exposed. This is an encouraging feature in our church, and cannot fail in having a great influence in bringing about a still more intelligent and healthy state of piety than that which now exists.

As another evidence of the growing attachment of the

church to our excellent catechism, we may here merely refer to the rapid circulation, which the commentary of Ursinus upon this form of sound words has had during the last year within the bounds of this Synod. Our people have shown a commendable zeal in this respect, which we fondly hope will continue until we are properly supplied with a literature, breathing the true light and spirit of our church.

It is also proper that we should here refer to the spirit of harmony and peace prevailing throughout our bounds as another sure evidence of the improved state of religion in our midst. The religion of Christ is a religion of love and peace. Its natural and inevitable tendency is to produce harmony and concord amongst those who love the Lord.—Wherever there is a spirit of contention and strife, there is lamentable evidence of a want of the spirit of Christ. Such being the case, it is a matter of rejoicing that the different classes report, with a single exception, the general prevalence of peace and harmony throughout our bounds. Even those portions of the church where it is known a diversity of views has existed, are now by a happy train of circumstances being brought together so as to act in peace and concert. This is truly an encourging feature in the history of the past, and affords pleasing anticipations for the future.

In close and intimate connection with this state of things it is proper that we should here refer to the happy consumation of the re-union which has now been effected between this and the German Synod of Ohio. Every attempt to unite and bring together in closer relations the different portions of the church of Christ, whose strength and efficiency is greatly paralized by the many fractions into which it is split, should receive the warmest encouragement from those who desire and pray for its final triumph in the world. Especially should this be the case, when there is an attempt to bring together portions of the household of faith which have so many things in common as in the present instance. For seven years past these two bodies

have stood independent of each other for reasons not necessary to be referred to at this time. Many have sighed, and wept over it, and prayed for the time speedily to arrive when no more cause of separation should exist. The Ger. Ref church much has reason for rejoicing in view of the union that has thus far characterized her short history. The dissensions and troubles which have divided and distracted other portions of christendom, have not to any extent disturbed our peace and harmony. It is true indeed we have had our trials and days of adversity as well as others. We have had periods of darkness and gloom when the church seemed upon the eve of a dreadful crisis, yet the storm has passed away leaving peace and a healthy atmosphere. No wonder, therefore, that grief and sorrow should have been felt, when brethren who had walked with each other to the house of God and taken sweet counsel together should have felt themselves constrained to separate and stand in independent positions. Hence it should be a matter of heartfelt pleasure, that we again at this time meet upon the floor of this Synod those from whom we have been separated for years, and feel that our hearts are more closely united than ever, even as the heart of Daniel and Jonathan. May God of his grace prevent any thing from ever again disturbing our unity and peace, and so bind us together in the cords of love that we may unitedly co-operate in advancing the interests of our Zion, until she shall at length fulfil her mission in the world, and God shall say to us, "Welldone good and faithful servants, enter into the joys of thy Lord."

There are other indications of a favorable character to which your committee can merely direct the attention of Synod, without dwelling upon them as we would be glad to do, if time would admit. The cause of missions is growing in the affections and sympathies of the church. Never before has there been a deeper sense of the greatness and magnitude of the work. All the different classes seem to have felt this, and have therefore taken active measures to reach the immense missionary field that stretches out

before us, ripe unto the harvest. The earnest and affecting calls which are daily coming from our destitute brethren, have touched the hearts of our people, and made such impressions as will not soon be forgotten.

It is also indicative of a healthy state of piety in our bounds, to witness the cheerfulness and liberality with which our people have contributed towards the endowment of our Theological and literary institutions. Wherever the agent has gone for this purpose he has been received with the most hearty welcome. The endowment of our College and Seminary is going forward under favorable auspices, and will no doubt ere long be fully consummated if the present state of things continues.

The statistical reports of the Classes, although not by any means complete, show a considerable increase in our numerical strength. According to these reports there are now within the bounds of this Synod one hundred and five ministers, 348 congregations, 13,792 members, to which must be added the accessions of the past year, numbering 1326, Sabbath Schools 102.

But encouraging as all these things are, we must not forget that our work has as yet been only partially done.—Much land remains to be possessed—many evils are still to be surmounted and overcome. Our mission is far from being accomplished notwithstanding the advances we have made; darkness and gloom still hover over many portions of our Zion. False views of the church and the sacraments are still prevalent to a considerable extent. Many seem to be satisfied with a mere form of godliness, whilst they are destitute of its power. The love of many has waxed cold, whilst others again have a very imperfect sense of the obligations under which they are to devote themselves and theirs to Christ. Too much worldliness and selfishness are still prevalent in some places. We need a more general prevalence of the spirit of missions to occupy the ground which properly belongs to us a church. We need a stronger faith in Christ, as present in his church directing and controling all things in reference to it. Too little

is done to increase our ministry by urging its claims upon the young men of the church possessing piety and talent. These, not to mention other things, to which we might refer, are matters of deep regret, and should humble us before God, and lead us to pray with greater fervency for the time speedily to arrive when all the evils which now oppose the church may be removed, and she appear the perfection of beauty.

In conclusion your committee are constrained to record with melancholy feelings the ravages which death has made in our midst during the past year. Three brethren in the ministry have been called to join "the general assembly and church of the first-born in Heaven." The Rev. Henry Sonendecker of the Columbiana Classes, a highly esteemed father in the church, has at a good old age in the midst of continued usefulness in the charge which he had long served with acceptance, been taken from his labors on earth to the rest of Heaven. Much younger in years, with brightening prospects of extended usefulness, the Rev. William Stump of the Miami Classis, and the Rev. J. C. Miller of the Tiffin Classis, have been removed by death. These are solemn admonitions that neither youth, old age, piety, talent, usefulness nor any gift however valuable in itself, can shelter us from the arrow of death. May we, therefore, work while it is called to-day, so that when the Lord of the church calls us from our posts, we may be prepared to give an account of our stewardship, with joy and not with grief.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WILLIARD,
I. S. WEISZ,
H. Rust,
Jacob Ohl,
Jacob Kroh.

ARTICLE XVII.

MISSIONS.

1. *Report of the Standing Committee on Missions.*

The following report was received from the committee, and on motion adopted:

Your committee on Missions would beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Since no report has been received from the Board of Missions, our remarks must be based upon facts of general information and experience. There seems to be but one opinion among all the ministers of our church in regard to our missionary field, namely that it is vast in extent, unspeakably great in importance, and that consequently it demands our most earnest attention. This impression has been prevalent among our members for a number of years past, and many efforts have been made by the church in general, as well as by single classes and individuals, to extend the bounds of our Zion and to supply her destitute children with the bread of life. And we are happy in the consciousness that our labors in this respect have not been in vain. Many congregations have been organized and established, whilst others are still in process, and will, with the help of God, not come short of final completion. For the past success of our missionary efforts we have great reason to thank the Lord, for he has indeed blessed us beyond our deservance. Our efforts have however, not been adequate by far to our ability. Many calls for Missionaries, and for the stated means of grace, should not have been answered with silence, and missionaries who had to leave their field for want of support, might have easily been sustained, if the church in general had done her duty.—Instead of 2, 3 and 400 dollars per annum, our Western church should make it one thousand dollars at least. We all know our church to be emphatically a mission church, and we are convinced too that her extension and prosperity depends to a great extent upon our missionary spirit and enterprise, but we do not all feel that heartfelt interest which this noble cause demands. Whilst some brethren and a few of our classes have done considerable, others, it seems have only given this subject a passing notice,

and some appear to have contributed nothing during the past synodical year. Hence the small amount of Missionary money passed through the hands of the Board of Missions. Only $180,00, being more than one hundred dollars less than the previous year. Such a state of things is indeed sufficient to make us feel sad, and calls upon us loudly for amendment! Especially when we remember that at our last meeting of Synod we passed encouraging resolutions and adopted a constitution for congregational missionary societies. It is true the endowment of our Institutions has claimed the attention and support of many charges, to such an extent that much aid in the mission cause could not be expected from them; but others might easily have contributed much more. In a cause like this, so necessary, so noble, and so promising we should all be of one mind and of one will. We should not only pray, "Thy Kingdom come," but should manifest also to the world, by our missionary spirit and activity that we are sincere in our prayer. It is the duty of every christian minister not only to feed his flock at home, but like the Apostles to carry the bread of life also to all that are destitute in distant parts of the land. Those neglected souls, may they not rise up in condemnation against us in the day of judgement? Every one must feel that we have not done our duty in this noble cause. May the Lord pardon our indifference and neglect, and may he by the influence of his spirit urge us on, to perform our duty faithfully hereafter.

Your committee have consulted about a new plan according to which our mission cause might be carried forward perhaps more successfully. They are of the opinion that an agent, appointed by Synod to collect missionary funds, would accomplish a great deal of good. He should have free access to all the different congregations throughout the whole church. In this way our people would gradually become acquainted with our mission cause, and those who have hitherto done nothing might be induced soon to take an active part. We only mention this fact that the brethren may think about it. Something should however, be done to insure more vigorous efforts during the coming synodical year, and your committee would offer therefore the following for the consideration of Synod:

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The officers of each Classis where no other provision is made, shall be a committee on church extension within the bounds of said Classis, for the year. As such it shall be their duty to have vacant charges supplied with preaching, to have the missionary ground within its bounds explored and supplied with the means of grace, and when deemed practical to secure itinerent missionaries for the vacant fields, in its bounds. They shall correspond with the board of missions in the collection of missionary funds which shall however in all cases pass through the Treasury of the board of missions. The President of Classis, who shall also be the President of the Board, shall at the close of the year lay a report of its operation before the Classis.

Besides the money passed into the Treasury of the Board of Missions during the past year, the following sums have been expended in missionary enterprises by Classes:

Westmoreland Classis	$20,00
Clarion Classis	115,00
Lancaster Classis	34,99

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

W. Hoff, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions in account with the Synod of Ohio:

1851.		DR.		
Sept. 28	To bal. in hands of Treasurer			$88,17
"	Rec'd of Rev G Long Miamisburg cong.			19,50
Oct. 2	"	Rev H Williard		5,00
1852.				
Feb. 4	"	Rev A Wanner per A. Faber [col Washingtonville cong.		8,00
May 18	"	Rev. A. Vogt Bethel. church Seven Mile,	$15,01	
		" Zion	5,18	
		" Samuels	8,75	
		" St. Pauls	9,55	

	"	Mt. Zion	3,76
			$35,25
	Rev. P. C. Prugh Xenia and Beaver creek		13,75
	Rev. J. Rike West Alex.		10,00
	Rev. J. Steiner Union Ch.		10,00
June 3	Rev D. Winters Mt. Zion Ch.		15,00
21	W. K. Zieber Cesar Creek & [Farmersville Cong.		5,75
"	M. Zimmerman Westmor- [land Classis		20,00
Aug. 27	Rev. F. Wahl Thompson ch.		5,25
"	Rev. C. H. H. Som'st ch.		12,00
Nov. 12	Rev. A. Wanner "		3,00
"	Donation from church member		25
"	Rev. N. E. Gilds Carrolton cong.		3,00
"	Rev. A. G. Dole Fairfield Ch.		8,00
"	H. J. Rahauser,		2,00
"	Rev. A. Wanner Washington [ville Cong.		1,00
"	Columbiana Classis		6,17
"	Rev. P. J. Spangler Union cong.		2,50
"	Calcutta cong.		1,92
			$259,17
Jan. 1, 1853.	To balance on hand.		$23,11

W. HOFF,
Treasurer of D. M.

1852.		CR.	
Jan. 1	By order	Rev. Geo. Long	$25,00
Feb. 24	"	Jos. Miller	6,00
Mar. 7	"	Rev. H. Rust	31,25
May 24	"	Rev. Geo. Long	25,00
May 26	"	Rev. H. Rust	31,25
Sep. 18	"	Rev. H. Rust	31,25

Nov. 26	"	Rev. Geo. Long	25,00
	"	Postage	6
Jan. 1, '53	"	Rev. H. Rust	31,25
			$229,18
		To Balance on hand	$23,11

The anniversary of the Board of Missions was observed on Sabbath evening. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. Good, W. M. Reed, and T. H. Winters, after which a collection, amounting to $10,00 was lifted. On Monday morning, according to Standing Rule No. 3 an opportunity was given for handing in missionary monies, when the following were paid over:

Tiffin Congregation	$5,00
Rev. F. Wahl	6,00
Mrs. Ball, Wooster	50
Rev. J. H. Zahner,	2,00
Rev. J. W. Hamm	1,00
Rev. G. Rettig	2,70

Resolved, That the propriety of sending an English Missionary to the city of Pittsburg, be earnestly urged upon the Board of Missions.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Finance.

1 *Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.*

Your committee on Finance beg leave to say, that it has carefully examined and audited the report of the Treasurer of Synod and find it correct.

It appears from the report that the whole amount of monies received in the Treasury during the past year is $107,06, and that he has paid out on the orders of Synod $107,06.

There was also placed in the hand of your committee, a bill of charges, by the Rev. J. H. Good for services ren-

dered Synod as stated clerk, traveling expenses to and from Synod, stationery, and postage of $29,50. For which amount, your committee would recommend that Synod authorize an order drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. J. H. Good for the amount of his claim.

In looking over the report of the Treasurer, it is a matter of serious regret, that there are so many of the Classes delinquent, in paying in their apportionment: and would therefore earnestly exhort the Treasurers of the different Classes to punctuality in paying in their apportionment either at the meeting of their Classes, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. HAMM,
Chairman.

2. *Report of the Treasurer of Synod.*

W. Hoff Treasurer of Synod, in account with the Synod of Ohio.

1851.	DR.	
Oct 2	Rec'd of Rev. J. H. Good, the balance in his hand as Treas. of Synod	$11,91
1852.		
June 1	Of Jacob Coblentz	38,00
Aug. "	Jacob Bretz, treas. of Sandusky Classis apport. per J H. Good,	20,00
"	Westmoreland Classis per J. H. Good, apper'mt for 1851	10,50
"	" for 1852	12,00
"	Lancaster Classis apportionment	13,50
"	Due W Hoff Treas. of Synod	1,15
		$107,06

1851.	CR.	
Oct. 2	Pd Rev. J. H. Good on account of services as per receipt	$10,99

1852.		
Aug. 2	Paid Rev. J. H. Good by certificate of deposit	$1,50
"	" by bal. of bill of '51	15,00
"	Bal of bill for sending minutes of Synod to eastern ministers	7,50
"	Amount pd treasurer of Seminary as interest on $344 loan	13,50
"	Amount pd Rev. J. H. Good for services as Stated Clerk for 1852, as per order of Synod	29,56
		$107,06
	Bal. due W. Hoff Treas. of Synod	$1,15

W. HOFF,
Treas. of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

Miscellaneous.

Statistics.—Resolved, That the attention of the Secretaries of the different Classes be directed to the constitutional provision requiring them to furnish the Chairman of Synod's Committee on the State of Religion, with a separate copy of the classical reports on the State of Religion and Statistics.

Hours of Meeting.—The regular hours for the sessions of Synod were, from 8½ to 11½ A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M.

Annual Meeting of Synod.—Synod resolved to hold its next annual meeting in the *Neriah* Church, Monroe Co., Michigan, on the 4th Thursday in September, commencing at 10 A. M., in the year 1853.

Change of time of the Annual Meeting.—Resolved, That Synod request the Classes to express their opinion on the propriety of hereafter appointing the annual meet-

ing of Synod, on the 2d Wednesday in May, or some other time in the Spring.

Delegates to Synod.—Resolved, That the Classes be affectionately and earnestly requested to exercise greater caution in the future, to select such delegates to Synod, & such only, as are willing to remain until all such business as may claim the attention of Synod, shall have been faithfully disposed of.

Vote of Thanks.—Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the pastor and members of the German Reformed and Sister churches, and other citizens of Wooster and vicinity, for the kind hospitality extended to its members during its present sessions, and that Rev. D. Kemmerer, be requested to read this resolution from his pulpit.

Ursinus.—Resolved, That Synod return to Rev. G. W Williard, its thanks for the present of a copy of "Ursinus' Commentary" on the Heidelberg Catechism, to the Library of the Theological Seminary.

Rev. G. Schlosser.— Resolved, that a Com. be appointed to settle with Rev. G. Schlosser, former Stated Clerk of Synod.—Committee consists of Revs. H. Shaull J. H. Good, and Elder J. T. Blain.

Resolved, That this Com. have full discretionary and judicial power to arrange, settle and dispose of said matter as shall, in their judgment, comport with justice and the interests of this Synod.

Publication of Tracts.—Resolved, That a committee of 5 be appointed under the authority of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the propriety of preparing & publishing one or more tracts or works, in the German or English language, or in both, treating of the true position of the Ger. Ref. Church, and that this com. be authorized to make urrangements for the preparation of said works, the same to be laid before Synod at its next

annual meeting. The com. are Rev. M. Stern, J. G. Zahner, E. V. Gerhart, J. H. Good, and H. Rust.

Translation of Ursinus.—Resolved, That this Synod highly approve of the proposition of the Northern German Classis to translate into the German language the Commentary of Ursinus on the Heidelberg Catechism, and recommend the matter to the favorable consideration of the Classes, and through them to the Church.

Minutes.—Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be directed to cause the minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, to be published in the English language.

Formula.—Resolved, that the Stated Clerk be authorized to purchase a book in which to record the Formula to be signed by Licentiates.

Mansfield Church.—Resolved, that Rev. Adam Stump and Mr. David Wise, be appointed a committee, and they are hereby authorized to attend to the interest and claim of the Ger. Ref. Church in a lot of ground with a building thereon, and owned jointly by the Lutherans and German Reformed, in the town of Mansfield, and that they have full powers to arrange, settle and dispose of the whole as in their judgment shall best accord with justise and the best interests of the Ger. Ref. Church, and also in due time report to this body.

Synod adjourned on Wednesday evening, and was dismissed with prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

[Official copy from the original minutes.]

J. H. GOOD;

Stated Clerk of Synod of Ohio.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	No. Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Rec. by letter.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excommunic.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
David Winters,	4	David's, Hawker's, Mt. Zion, &c.	375	360	31	5	36	5	7	3	4	Dayton, Ohio.
Andrew P. Freese,	1	1st church, Dayton,	196	158		28	23	2	2		1	Beamsville, Ohio.
Th. H. Winters,	2	Cæsar's Creek and Zion,	167	163	36		32	2		3	1	Xenia, O.
Jesse Steiner,	3	Union, Frieden's and Salem,	225	225	35		2				2	Springfield, O.
A. G. Dole,	4	Fairfield, Union, Bethel, &c.	275	275	7	1					2	Fairfield, O.
J. Vogt,	5	Bethel, Mt. Zion, Zion, &c.	247	247	17	6	26		1	1	2	Seven Mile, O.
John Rike,	5	West Alexandria charge,	200	200	14		20	7	3		1	WestAlexandria, Preble co.O.
P. C. Prugh,	2	Xenia charge,	156	156	9	1	9	1	10		2	Xenia, O.
J. D. Colliflower,	9	Beamsville charge,	200	200	18		28				2	Beamsville, Darke co. O.
H. Rust,	1	Cincinnati,	125	115		26	12	1			1	Cincinnati, O.
J. H. Buser,	5	Shelby charge,	180	175	2	6	17	5	4	2	3	Sidney, Shelby co. O.
J. C. Henneman,	2	Arnheim,	64	54	15		10		1		1	Georgetown, Brown co. O.
P. H. Kroh,	2	Jonesboro' charge,										Jonesboro', Union co. Ill.
J. Stoneberger,	2	Missionary in Missouri,										Patton, Bollinger co. Mo.
J. Kercher,	4	Germantown charge,	196	196	17		50				2	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Wm. K. Zieber,	4	Miamisburg charge,										" "
H. Hiestand,												Lafayette City, La.
A. Tönsmeier,	1	2nd church, Dayton,										Dayton, Ohio.
J. Baumunk,		Recently taken charge,										Millville, Butler co, O.
Henry Kroh,		" "										Stockton, Cal.
Samuel Philips,												Dayton, Ohio.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	No. of Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Bapt. Members.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat.	Sabb. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
George Weisz,	4	St. Michael's, Werner's, &c.,	170	105	16	8	162	9				Lancaster, Ohio.
Jacob Weaver,	2	Jerusalem, Simpson's,	80	75	11			3			2	Bremen, O.
G. W. Williard,	2	Columbus charge,	55	45	3	3	30	31			1	Columbus, O.
I. S. Weisz,	4	David's, Job's, Salem's, Zion's,	260	212	32	15	265	15	10			Lithopolis, O.
F. W. Dechant,	4	St. Paul's, New Reading, &c.,	180	168	17	6	195	10		2	2	Somerset, O.
Henry Williard,	2	Lancaster charge,	50					2				Lancaster, O.
Henry King,		Without charge,										Tarlton, O.
P. Johnson,		" "										Columbus, O.
J. B. Thompson,	3	Recently taken charge,										Tarlton, O.
J. W. A. Shaffer,		Licentiate,										Lancaster, O.
Vacant,	3	Trinity, &c.,	175		24	7						
Vacant,	5	Kinnickkinnick, &c.,	200									

Ministers.	No. Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Rec. by certif.	Communicant.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
N. P. Hacke,	5	Greensburg charge [German],	640	103	40		500	15	1	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,	10	Mt. Pleasant charge,	405	47			399	4	5	Mt. Pleasant, Westmor. co. Pa.
Wm. Conrad,	4	Berlin charge,	290	25	5		250		3	Berlin, Somerset co. Pa.
H. Knepper,	4	Grantsville charge,	117	21	9		85	14	2	Grantsville, Allegh. co. Md.
B. Knepper,	8	Wellersburg charge,	178	68	39		141	2	4	Wellersburg, Pa.
S. H. Giesy,	3	Greensburg charge [English],	215	21	25	17	190	7	3	Greensburg, Pa.
C. F. Hoffmeier,	5	Somerset charge,								Somerset, "
Wm. Weinel,	1	Hills charge,	104	28			69	8		Leechburg, "
John Hoyman,	4	Shade charge,		29	65					Stoystown, "
Vacant,		West Union, Preston county, Va.								
Vacant,		Allegheny church, Westmoreland co. Pa.								

CLASSIS OF SANDUSKY.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Commun.	Confirm.	Received.	Baptized.	Excomm.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas charge,	130		1	10	22		6	3	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Jesse Hines,	4	Reedsburg charge,	200	150	14		12			3	Jeromeville, Ashland co. "
J. M. Dixon,		No report,									Polk, Ashland co. "
Jesse Richards,	4	Bethlehem charge,	130	100	9		13		2	2	Navarre, Stark co. "
Adam Stump,	5	Rome charge,		170	9		11	3	1	1	Shelby, Richland co. "
C. Zwisler,		No report,									Waynesburg, Wayne co. "
Wm. Fulton,		Recently taken charge,									Rives, Richland co. "
J. C. Klar,		" "									Mansfield, Ohio.

CLASSIS OF COLUMBIANA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Comm.	Bapt.	Confir.	Receiv.	Dism.	Deaths	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
J. P. Mahnenschmidt,	8	Berlin charge,	101	101							Frederick, Mahoning co. Ohio.
A. Wanner,	7	Washingtonville charge,	289	226	16		5	17	16	2	Washingtonville, Col. co. O.
N. E. Gilds,	8	Carrolton charge,	186	100	11	1			2	2	Carrolton, Carrol co. O.
P. J. Spangler,	5	Fulton charge,	230	215	60	75			1	2	Nimisilla, Summit co. O.
Nathan Paltzgroff,		Warren charge,									Warren, Trumbull co. O.
Vacant,	6	Springfield charge,		302		46					North Lima, Mahoning co. O.
Vacant,	4	Akron charge,		220							Akron, Summit co. O.
Vacant,	5	Ohlton charge,		138							

CLASSIS OF TIFFIN.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Confirmed.	Rec. by lett.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
H. Shaull,	1	1st church, Tiffin,	310	297	9	16	20	5	1	12	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
F. Wahl,	5	2nd church, Tiffin, Salem, &c.,	260	260	20		30			10		" "
J. H. Good,	1	Jacob's, Editor of Miss. & Profess.,	25				6			3	2	" "
E. V. Gerhart,	2	Hopewell, Bascom — Professor,	34	34		5	4			3		" "
Reuben Good,	1	Reinbolt's — Professor,	20									" "
S. S. Rickly,	1	Salem — Professor,	30									" "
H. K. Baines,	2	M'Cutchensville charge,	58	58	7		6					M'Cutchensville, Wyan. co. O.
John Pence,		Missionary in Indiana,										Benton, Ia.
F. Rahauser,		Superannuated,										Flat Rock, Seneca co. O.
A. Winter,	4	Wyandott Mission,	100									Upper Sandusky, Wyan. co. O.
Peter Brücker,	1	German church, Sandusky City,										Sandusky City, O.
G. D. Wolff,		Recently taken charge,										Tiffin, O.
Paulus Meis,	2	" "	150									Vermillion, Erie co. O.
Max Stern,		Agent of Tract Society,										Tiffin, O.
Vacant,	3	Findlay Mission,	75									Findlay, O.
Vacant,	4	Allen county Mission,	200									Lima, Allen co. O.
Vacant,		Henry county Mission,										Texas, Henry co. O.
Vacant,	4	Bucyrus charge,	160									Bucyrus, Crawford co. O.
Vacant,	2	Sandusky and Wood counties,										

CLASSIS OF ST. JOSEPH'S.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Confirmed.	Rec. by lett.	Baptized.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Thomas Winters,		Superannuated,						Evansport, Defiance co. Ohio.
Daniel Kroh,	4	Missionary in Illinois,						Cedar Creek Mills, Ill.
R. R. Salter,	1	Neriah,	50	13		6	1	Lasalle, Mich.
Wm. M. Reed,	2	Colon, &c.,	25			4	1	Colon, "
Wendel Wasnich,	4	Brush creek, Mill creek, &c.,	144	26	4			Pulaski, Williams co. O.
A. J. Rutan,		Missionary in Michigan,						" " "
John Snyder,		No report,						Huntingdon, Ia.
Peter Houck,		"						" "
Jacob Bär,		"						West Point, Iowa.
D. G. Philips,	4	Adaiah, Milford, &c., [former report,]	127	89				Pulaski, Williams co. O.
Elias Spangler,		Licentiate,						Panama, O.
F. P. Beidler,		Recently taken charge,						White Pigeon, Mich.
Vacant,	3	Benton charge,	128					
Vacant,	5	North Wabash charge,						
Vacant,	3	South Wabash charge,						
Vacant,	2	Webb's, &c.,						
Vacant,	1	Marshall county charge,						

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Rec. by let.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
D. B. Ernst,	5	Seegerstown charge,	351	329	5	30		8	2	Seegerstown, Crawford co. Pa.
Sam. Miller,	4	Harmony, Zion, &c.,	525	370		94	8	5	2	Chambersburg, Pa.
Henry Hoffman,	4	St. Paul's, St. Peter's, &c.,	370	230	24	37		13	2	Jeff. Furnace, Clarion co. Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	7	Redbank, Zion, &c.,	520	417	49	107		61		Kerr's Store, Clarion co. "
Vacant,	6	Paul's, Peter's, &c.,	272							
Geo. Wolff,	3	St. John's, Mt. Zion, &c.,	265	220	16	42	2	2	3	Rimersburg, " "
B. Boyer,	3	Good Hope, &c.,	285							West Greenville, Merc. co. "
J. S. Shade,	5	Tylersburg charge,	114	114	6	7		2		Tylersburg, Clarion co. "
H. F. Hartman,	1	Erie,	180	100	19	14		6	1	Baldwin, Butler co. "
Vacant,	5	Clarion charge,	175	160			1		4	
Joseph Miller,		Recently taken charge,								Zelienople, Butler co. "
Fred. Wise,		" "								Rural Village, Armstr. co. "

NORTHERN GERMAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Communic.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
J. W. Hamm,	8	Manchester charge,	642	72	88	25	3	Nimisilla, Summit co. Ohio.
D. Kämmerer,	6	Wooster charge,	515	30	80	15	5	West Brookfield, Stark co. O.
P. Herbruck,		Canton charge,	531	71	137	61	3	Canton, " "
S. K. Denius,		Without charge,						Delaware, Ohio.
J. G. Zahner,	8	Shanesville charge,	398	47	56	37	2	Shanesville, Tuscaraw. co. "
G. Weber,	5	St. Paul's, Kramer's, &c.,	116	10	28	39	1	Hartville, Stark co. "
G. Ziegler,	10	St. Peter's, St. John's, &c.	439	14	36	18	1	NorthGeorgetown, Col. co. "
Chr. Weiler,	7	Zion's, Berner's, &c.,	436	15	67	23	2	N. Winchester, Crawf. co. "
J. G. Ruhl,	4	Marion, St. Jacob's, &c.,	200	20	27	24	3	Waldo, Marion co. "
J. B. Ruhl,	6	Jackson, Lordstown, &c.,	141	12	31	14	1	Eden, Trumbull co. "
John Ruhl,		Recently taken charge,						Defiance, Defiance co. "
George Rettig,	5	Akron charge,	226	18	30	8		Akron, Summit co. "
J. Ackeret,	1	Mt. Eaton,	160	26	32	8	1	Mt. Eaton, Wayne co. "
D. Gackenheimer,	4	German, Schell, &c.,	120	9	12	7	1	Willshire, Van Wert co. "
Jacob Kau,	3	Lima, Randolph, &c.,	211	8	6	3	2	Limaville, "
E. H. Th. Wöhler,	6	Homer, Jackson, Orange,	160	17	18	11		Albion, Ashland co. "
J. F. Engelbach,		No report,						
Phil. Becker,		Licentiate,						

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
George Long,	1	1st church, Indianopolos,	82	32		2		Indianopolis, Ia.
G. H. Zumpe,	2	Congregations in Clay couuty, Ia.,						Poland, Clay county, Ia.
C. Kuss,	1	1st church, Louisville,						Louisville, Ky.
H. A. Friedel,								Lawrenceburg, Ia.
A. Rahn,								Philadelphia, Pa.

* The Minutes of this Classis failed to reach the hands of the Stated Clerk of Synod.

NEW CLASSES.

Authority to organize the following Classes has been given by Synod, so soon as the constitutional number of ministers shall reside within the prescribed limits :

1. *Classis of Missouri*, to comprise the southern portion of Illinois and the State of Missouri.
2. *Classis of Illinois*, to comprise northern Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin.
3. *Classis of Wisconsin*, to comprise the State of Wisconsin.
4. *Southern German Classis*, to comprise the German ministers in the southern part of Ohio.

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following report:

By a careful perusal of the several Classical reports we have met with quite a number of facts and statements which deserve notice in our annual report. These facts, however, cannot all be crowded into a paper necessarily limited; and we shall therefore seek, by a judicious arrangement of materials, and an exhibition of the most prominent points, to present at least an approximately correct picture of the whole.

It is above all due to Almighty God, in the beginning of our report, gratefully to acknowledge his kind providence in regard to our Church as a whole, as well as in its several subordinate departments. Our Synod has been graciously preserved in its integrity, and the members of the several Classes have have had the pleasure to see the spirit of peace and harmony, of love and good will, of faith and prayer everywhere prevalent. During the year now brought to a close, we have been called indeed to mourn the departure of several of our oldest and most esteemed ministers,—the Rev. Father Pomp of Easton, Pa., and the Rev. Father Helfrich of the East Pennsylvania Classis, besides one of our most active and efficient lay-members, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary—the Hon. John C. Bucher of Harrisburg, Pa. Such events must be expected and submitted to, in the assurance "that *all* things work together for good to them that love God—who are called according to his purpose;" and it is certainly a gratifying circumstance that all these brethren were permitted to spend a long life of activity and usefulness, and to be gathered to their Fathers after their work was brought to a close, and not, as is often the case, in the morning of life.

Besides, our ranks have been replenished by the addition of at least a small number of young men, who, after much labor, sorrows and anxiety, have been permitted to enter the ministerial office and preach among the nations "the unsearchable riches of Christ." This is encouraging. It gives assurance of the Saviour's

continued presence, according to his promise: "*Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*" In this gracious promise of the great Redeemer we have reason to rejoice, and in its fulfilment on our behalf, we have a new and increased ground of confidence, on the one hand, and of devotion to the cause of the Saviour on the other. The smallness of the number of persons, who have lately entered the ministry and of those who are now in a course of preparation for the sacred office, should excite us to greater exertions in this direction, as it certainly furnishes abundant cause for self-reproach and deep humiliation on the part of all our ministers and lay-members. One of the Classes calls attention to this very fact; and it will therefore be permitted us to suggest the necessity of increased efforts in reference to this subject. Our ministers should *preach* on it; and our members in unison with them, should earnestly *pray* over it, as a great misfortune, and seek its speedy removal. Parents also should be urged to dedicate their sons to this great and important work.

As regards the *interests of practical piety*, we have the most abundant evidence of its prevalence in our midst. It is indeed not as it should be. We have much room for improvement in every department of practical Christianity. We need more seriousness in the business of religion. We need more full and unreserved devotion to the cause of the blessed Redeemer. We need more copious effusions of the Spirit of God. We need more self-renunciation and consecration of all our powers, time, talents, influence, property and life to the service of our precious Redeemer. But, admitting all this, as we should do in the spirit of penitence, we deem it necessary to guard against the imagination that we should complain and despair in such circumstances. The sin of ingratitude is alarmingly prevalent. It cries to heaven and accuses the Church before the face of Almighty God. We should rely confidently upon that covenant, which is in all things well ordered and sure. We should lean upon the omnipotent arm of Jehovah, and expect confidently the final and complete success of the cause of Christ. Such a confident assurance and such a joyful prosecution of God's work is certainly more consonant with the Scriptures than a gloomy, complaining, despairing spirit. We must *believe*; and of this confidence the reports of at least some of the Classes furnish good evidence. The progress of God's kingdom is represented, not as rapid and imposing, but rather as steady, quiet, constant and permanent.

This general confidence and the spirit of encouragement of which we have been speaking, arises, as it would seem, from a clearer and more satisfactory apprehension of the nature of the

Church, as well in its integrity, as in the case of its individual members.—Piety is not so generally *now*, as heretofore, looked upon as a mere excitation of the mind and heart to a contemplation of divine things, but as a real, substantial life, imperishable and blissful in its nature—having its ground, progress and end in Christ, according to that word of the Redeemer: "He that believeth on me *hath* everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day." Here religion or salvation is a free and sovereign gift of God, a thing not wrought out by our own will, but bestowed of God. This treasure placed in earthen vessels we are required to cultivate and educe in the form of practical godliness. Hence the necessity for the *divinely ordained* means of grace—not human devices and human plans, but a cheerful reception of God's gifts by the power of *that faith* which God himself works in the heart by the Holy Ghost! Hence the increased appreciation of the Church and her privileges, of the means of grace enjoyed in her bosom—of the divine ordinances by which the promises and blessings of the gospel are sealed to us—of the holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto salvation. And this leads us to the consideration of another point, namely, the increased efforts made to have *the children and youth of our Church raised and trained for full membership.*

Union with the Church is beginning to be more fully appreciated. Zion is looked upon as an *ark* in which all men are to seek safety—as the ship in which the Redeemer is found in times of need—as the *temple* in which God delights to dwell. That there is danger here of running into extremes also cannot be denied; but while we regard the privileges of the Church important *only* as connected with a living faith—faith in the *one only* and *eternally available* sacrifice of Christ on the cross; so long as we seek for *Christ* in his Church and repose confidence in *Him only*, who is found for a refuge in her palace, so long we cannot go astray. And it is an encouraging feature in the present posture of our Zion, that the Church with all her sacred privileges, her preached word—her sacraments—her sweet communion of the saints in the enjoyment of a common life, worship and bliss, is more highly appreciated and more earnestly sought after. This circumstance is also noticed in several of the Classical Reports. Closely connected with this, and resting on the same general ground, is the encouraging fact of the organization of new congregations, and the erection of many church edifices.

It is true, this is not *itself* an evidence of prosperity; but in connection with what has been already noticed, it does furnish at least very strong presumptive evidence of progress on the part

the Church in which they are found thus united. We might also notice here the fact, that our Southern brethren have during the last year or two carried forward with commendable zeal and considerable success a literary and theological enterprize, which promises much for the future.—So too we have an evidence of interest in subjects belonging to the prosperity of the Church, furnished by the encouragement which has been given to the plan for uniting Franklin and Marshall Colleges. It must however, be confessed, that we have here proved quite too careless, and that we need great improvements in this respect before we can expect to see our institutions flourish and produce their legitimate fruits for the good of the Church.

The subject of Systematic Benevolence has not received that attention which its importance demands, and which the Synod had reason to hope for on the part of our churches. All our pastors and their charges have reason to confess themselves guilty at this point, of very great and palpable neglect; and need to be stirred up to greater diligence and more active exertions!

Viewing the several facts now noticed, we have reason to be grateful to Almighty God, for what he has done for us during the past year, while new occasion is furnished us for confidence in the continuance of God's mercy in the future. Let us feel assured, that Christ is still in his Church; and that, under His control and guidance, our feeble efforts for the advancement of religion in the world will be crowned with abundant success. These statements are made, in connection with our report, in order to stimulate us to greater diligence in the performance of our duties, and that we may know how to behave ourselves "in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL Y. HEISLER, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Me.	Bapt.	By Co.	By Cer.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom.	Death.	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
Theo. L. Hoffeditz, D.D.	4	Forks, Hamilton, &c.	468		55	61					26	7	Nazareth, Northampton county, Pa.
Charles G. Herman, }	6	Kutztown charge,	950		200	78		760			83	6	Monterey, Berks county, "
Alfred Herman, }													Monterey, Berks co., "
J'b C. Becker, D. D.,	5	Howertown charge,			65	93					70		Kreidersville, Northampt. co., "
Joseph S. Dubbs,	6	Allentown,				97		1687			128	10	North White Hall, Lehigh co., "
John Zülch,	7	Jacobs' charge,	1000		129	95		651			38	4	Jacksonville, " "
John P. Decker,	6	Chesnut Hill,			186	74		522			46		Shafers, Monroe county, "
John H. A. Bomberger,	1	Easton,			32	12					26	1	Easton, "
Peter D. Schory,	2	Upper & Lower Mt. Bethel,	420		29	20		340				8	Stone church, Northampt. co., "
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.	1170		240	95		910			130	7	Kutztown, Berks co., "
Charles Becker,					50	50					20		Kreidersville, Lehigh co., "
William A. Helfrich,	5	Ziegel, &c.			115	108		1420			27	6	Weissenberg, " "
John W. Lesher,	4	Wilkesbarre,	240		40	16						4	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co., "
C. G Eichenberg,	7	Weisport,	600		120	18		300			60	3	Lehigh Gap, Lehigh co., "
Erasmus H. Helfrich,	4	Plainfield,	1000		149	57		960			93	3	Bath, " "
Cyrus Becker,					34						3		Kreidersville, " "
A. J. G. Dubs,	1	Friedens church,			38						33		North White Hall, Lehigh co., "
Charles P. Wack,		Without charge,											Norristown, Montgomery co., "
Theo. C. W. Hoffeditz,		Without charge,											Mercersburg, Franklin co., "
John A. Reubelt,													Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co., "
D. F. Brendel,		St. John's, Arndts, &c.											Nazareth, "
J. H. Rütenick,		Licentiate,											Easton, "
Louis Reimer,		"											Lehigh Gap, Lehigh co., "

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Me.	Bapt.	By Co.	By Cer.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom.	Death.	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Moyer,	4	Zions, West Brunswick, &c.			107	46		487			28		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
John Gring,	6	Stumpstown charge,			52	17		267			27	2	Fredericksburg, Lebanon co., "
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon charge,	756	654	88	91	22	395	3		36	3	Lebanon, "
Thomas H. Leinbach,	6	Tulpehocken charge,			135						77	4	Meyerstown, Lebanon co., "
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg charge,	212			74		1081			85	9	Reading, "
Daniel Hertz,	8	Muddy creek, Hellers, &c.	300	90	40	26					56	3	Ephrata, Lancaster co., "
Isaac Miese,	4	Bern charge,			109	10		1001			55		Lower Bern, Berks co., "
Nathan A. Keyes,	1	2nd church, Lancaster,	129	122	10	10	3	100			3	1	Lancaster, "
Henry Harbaugh,	1	1st church, Lancaster,	450		44	7	3	384	4		33	1	" "
John F. Mesick,	1	Harrisburg,			20	10	6	233	1		2	2	Harrisburg, "
Aaron S. Leinbach,	1	1st church, Reading,	600		66	52	20	450			60	1	Reading, "
Moses Kieffer,	1	2nd church, Reading,	60	40	6		35	60				1	" "
Joel L. Reber,	3	Millerstown charge,			20	15	9	135	2		7	2	Lancaster, "
John W. Hoffmeier,	4	Orwigsburg charge,			62	13		200			85		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co., "
Isaac Gerhart,	6	Manheim charge,			30	24					22		Manheim, Lancaster co., "
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,		New Providence charge,	136		12	9	15	130			30	2	New Providence, Lancaster co., "
Isaac E. Græff,	2	Tremont charge,			15	19		150			7	1	Tremont, Schuylkill co., "
Jacob Kline,	1	Lewistown congregation,			22	13		84			5		Schuylkill Haven, " "
Jacob Zehring,	2	Host charge,	475		67			327			8	5	Bernville, Berks co., "
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra charge,											Annville, Lebanon co., "
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown charge,			20	21		163			13		Jonestown, Lebanon co., "
William Goodrich,	2	Columbia charge,	65	66	8		4	53			12	1	Strasburg, Lancaster co., "
J. Gantenbein,		Pottsville charge,											
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.	2	Elizabethtown charge,			10						10	2	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co., "

Vacant: Hummelstown charge, 5 congregations; Reamstown charge, 4 congr.; and Womelsdorf charge, 2 congreg.

Without charge: William A. Good, Charles W. Schultz, Jacob Chapman, and Henry Habliston.

SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	B. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confi.	By Certi.	Commun.	Dismissed	Excomm.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Dietrich Willers,	3	Christ's, Jerusalem & Seneca,			42	14		150			12	2	Fayette, Seneca county, New York.
Peter S. Fischer,	4	Boalsburg charge,	335		45			310			15	7	Boalsburg, Centre county, Pa.
Richard A. Fischer,	6	Sunbury charge,	485		100	15		415			48	2	Sunbury, Northumberl'd co., Pa.
Isaac Shellhammer,	8	Conyngham charge,	298		62	11		131			20	2	Conyngham, Luzerne co., "
Daniel Gring,	4	Paradise charge,	400		35	32		311			10	4	Milton, "
Rudolph Dünger,	5	Mahony charge,	398		46	19		370			11	5	Mahony, Northumberland co., "
Ephraim Kieffer,	5	Mifflinburg charge,	500		60	34		450			20	7	Mifflinburg, Union co. "
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg charge,			24			121			10	4	Millheim, Centre co., "
Adolph B. Caspar,	5	New Berlin charge,	368		36	8		300			32	4	New Berlin, Union co., "
Henry Wiegandt,	4	Nippanose charge,	381		27	18		325			8	7	Uniontown, Lycoming co., "
Daniel Lantz,	2	Dansville charge,											Dansville, N. Y.
John A. Leis,	8	Lykens Valley charge,											Millersburg, Dauphin co., "
William R. Yearick,	3	Nittany charge,	215		32	23		203			16	5	Hublersburg, Centre co., "
Henry Funk,	5	Bloomsburg charge,	325		10	18		302			20	5	Bloomsburg, Columbia co., "
William G. Hackman,	8	Beavertown charge,	400		102	38		390			33	8	Adamsburg. Union co., "
Nathaniel P. Bressler,	4	Armstrong Valley charge,											Fishersville, Dauphin co., "
Joshua H. Derr,	4	Selinsgrove charge,	240		10	9		200			5	4	Selinsgrove, Union co., "
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Lykens Valley,											Berrysburg, Dauphin co., "
Edwin M. Long,	1	Milton,											Milton, "
Daniel Y. Heisler,	1	Lewisburg,	160	120	15	5		150			3	1	Lewisburg, Union co., "
George T. Foy,		Bellefonte charge,											Bellefonte, Centre co., "
Jaret Fritzinger,	3	Blockhouse charge,	350		6						7	1	Williamsport, Lycoming co., "
Martin A. Smith,	4	Aaronsburg charge,	300	250	1			230			5	5	Aaronsburg, Centre co., "
Vacant,		Williamsport charge,											

Ministers.	No. of Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Member.	Baptized.	By Confirmat.	By Certificate.	Communicant.	Dismissed.	Excommunica.	Deaths.	Sabb. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Ziegler,	8	Creutz creek charge,	660		108	46		661			39	3	York, Pa.
William Philips,		Without charge,											"
Jacob Sechler,	3	Hanover charge,	850	1000	51	14		650			31	4	Hanover, York county, Pa.
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Gettysburg charge,	750	900	53	26		700	2		31	3	Gettysburg, "
John Reinecke, Edward W. Reinecke,	5	Shrewsbury charge,	126	286	19	14		200			11	6	Shrewsbury, York co., "
Henry Aurand,	6	Bendersville charge,	365		20	1	1	300	3		10	6	York Springs, Adams co., "
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,			32			268	1		14	1	Dillsburg, York co., "
John Albert,		Without charge,											York Springs, York co., "
Fred'k W. Vandersloot,		Windsor charge,											York, "
Charles H. Leinbach,	6	Trinity charge,	681	715	60	77		560	7		16	6	Landisburg, Perry co., "
Amos H. Kremer,	3	Carlisle charge,	327	378	17	10	3	300	2		7	3	Carlisle, "
George Leidy,	1	Ziegler's congregation,			6			40			2		" "
Samuel Gutelius,	4	Emanuel's charge,	422		65	44					17	2	Hanover, York county, "
William C. Bennett,	1	Miller's congregation,	70	95	15			55	1		2		Newville, Cumberland co., "
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	186	268	43	23	1	142	2		9	6	Bloomfield, Perry co., "
Joseph S. Loose,	3	Mechanicsburg charge,											Mechanicsburg, Cumberl'd co., Pa.
David Bossler,	3	York charge, (German,)											York, Pa.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	280	270	39	19		280	4		35	2	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant,		Second church, "											
Bernard C. Wolff, D.D.,	1	Third church, "	191		21	23		191	8			1	Baltimore, Md.
John S. Kessler,	1	Fourth church, "	446		137	17		446			60	1	Baltimore, Md.
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Frederick city,	350	450	46	33	7	350			41	2	Frederick, Md,
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Middletown,	400	300	39	12	2	350	6		15	1	Middletown, Frederick co., Md.
Daniel Gans,	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	222	263	14	24	5	222	1		3	1	Hagerstown, "
Mortimer L. Shuford,	5	Glade charge,	415	300	45	19	4	367	2		7	4	Walkersville, Frederick co., "
Robert Douglas,	3	Boonsboro' charge,	261	360	10	10	2	261	1		11	4	Shepherdstown, Jefferson co., Va.
William F. Colliflower,	5	Manchester charge,	805	967	91	38		500	6		40	5	Manchester, Carrol county, Md.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	4	Emmitsburg charge,	498	400	21	10		376	5		6	2	Emmitsburg, Frederick co., "
John Beck,	3	Funkstown charge,	145		15		4	110			5	3	Funkstown, Washington co., "
Samuel Philips,	3	Burkettsville charge,	147	261	24	10	4	143	3	1	2	1	Burkettsville, Frederick co., "
Samuel N. Callender,	3	Jefferson charge,	225	210	21	4	1	190	2		7	3	Chambersburg, Pa.
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown charge,	392		31	13	2	361	2		6	2	Cavetown, Washington co., "
Benjamin Schneider,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria.
Wm. H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,											Frederick, "
Peter S. Davis,		Licentiate,											Boonsboro', Washinton co., "
John G. Fritchey,	4	Taneytown charge,	227	180				227					Taneytown, Carrol co., "
Peter A. B. Meister,	1	Frederick city,											Frederick, "

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Men.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certif.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
George Boger,		Without charge,											Mt. Comfort, Cabarrus co., N. C.
John H. Crawford,	2	Catawba charge,	110		11				1		1		Newton, Catawba co., "
John Lantz,		Without charge,											" " "
David Crooks,	3	Lincoln charge,											Lincolnton, "
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford charge,	278	325	16	7		269	3		2	2	Clapp's, Guilford co., "
Jeremiah Ingold,	2	Western Rowan charge,	214	235	17	13	2	205	6		8		China Grove, Rowan co., "
Thornton Butler,		Without charge,											Lexington, "
C. H. Albert,	3	Newton charge,											Newton, Catawba co., "
Vacant,	3	Eastern Rowan charge,				7					11		
Vacant,	6	Davidson charge,	250	350	37	35					3	1	

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certifs.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D.		Without charge,											Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa
George Wack,		"											Blue Bell, " "
Jacob Helffenstein,	1	Germantown,			9	11	3	445			7	2	Germantown, "
Jacob B. Keller,	3	Böhms, Whitemarsh, &c.,			6	5	4	262			4	3	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe charge,	375		38	27	2	330			13	3	Trappe, " "
John R. Kooken,	1	Norristown,				27					2	1	Norristown, "
George D. Wolff,		"											" "
Sam'l Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,											Blue Bell, " "
David Hefelfinger,	3	Brownback's charge,			23	25	6	129	2		4	3	Pughtown, Chester county, "
Jesse B. Knipe,		Pikeland charge,—No report.											Chester Springs, " "
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,			18	19	1	153			4	1	Pleasantville, Montgomery co., "
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.		New Holland,											New Holland, "
Vacant,	1	1st church, Philadelphia,											
Vacant,	1	2nd church, "	717		118	9	37	533				2	
Vacant,	1	3rd church, " No rep't.											
Charles Bonekemper,	1	4th church, " No rep't.											Philadelphia, "
Charles Lukens,		Missionary,											Frankfort, "
George Hammer,		Licentiate,											Germantown, "
W. Fulton,		"											Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
W. Server,		"											Germantown, "

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Shepherdstown charge,			29	5		182			4		Shepherdstown, Virginia.
Daniel Feete,	4	Mt. Crawford charge,	180		30	22	1	180	2		6		Mt. Crawford, "
Henry St. J. Rinker,	4	Pine, Zion X Road, &c.	228		16	26	1	228			9		Hamburg, Shenandoah co , Va.
John G. Wolff,	4	Woodstock charge,	158		9	9	2	158	1		2		Woodstock, Va.
John C. Hensell,	3	Middlebrook charge,	180		14	16		160			4		Middlebrook, Va.
Jacob O. Miller,	2	Winchester charge,	87		30	12	2	71	4				Winchester, Va.
Samuel J. Fetzer,	4	Augusta,			6			131	1		3		New Hope, Augusta co., Va.
George H. Martin,	2	Lovettsville,	100		12	6		100			2		Lovettsville, Va.
Vacant,		Union charge,	80			1		80					Edenburg, Va.
Vacant,		Pendelton charge.—No report.											
Vacant,		New Market charge. "											

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Bap.M.	Baptiz.	By Con	By Cer.	Comm.	Dismi.	Excom.	Death.	S.Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
John Rebaugh,	2	Middleburg and Welsh-Run,		200	40	18	10	100	5		5	2	Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa.
	1	Chambersburg,			20	1	1	200	9	1	7	1	Chambersburg, "
Benjamin S Schneck,		Without charge,											" "
Samuel R. Fisher,		Editor,											" "
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		President of Marsh. College,											Mercersburg, " "
Philip Schaff, D. P.,		Professor in Theol. Seminary,											" " "
John S. Foulk,	1	Greencastle,	297	248	45	49	10	245	4		21	1	Greencastle, " "
Theodore Apple,	1	Mercersburg,	136		34	12	9	191	15		8	1	Mercersburg, " "
George W. Glessner,	3	Shippensburg charge,	185	122	19	13	9	180	4		6	2	Shippensburg, Cumberland co. "
Samuel H. Reid,	4	Alexandria charge,	265		16	12		260	2	2	4	2	Waterstreet, Huntingdon co., "
Matthew Irvine,	3	Friend's Cove, &c.	336	265	19	13	2	300			5	8	Rainsburg, Bedford co. "
Frederick A. Rupley,	4	Martinsburg charge,	180	285	19	4	1	180	2	2	3	2	Martinsburg, Blair co. "
Theobald Fouse,	6	Union, Zion's &c.	325	550	50	26					9	2	James Creek, Huntingdon co. "
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford charge,		539	55	32	5	395		2	9	2	Bedford, "
Henry Wagner,	3	McConnelsburg charge,	170		28	10	25	142			3	3	McConnellsburg, Fulton co. "
Jeremiah Heller,	3	St. Clairsville, &c.	325		56	26		261			18		St. Clairsville, Bedford co. "
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Keefer's, [supply,]											Chambersburg, "
Jacob Hassler,	3	Loudon, St. Thomas, &c.	250	360	27	25	15	217	6	1	4	2	Mercersburg, Franklin co. "
Thomas C. Porter,		Professor,											" " "
John C. Bucher,		Without charge,											" " "
H. W. Super,	3	Waynesboro' charge,	260		10	5	3	168			8	1	Waynesboro', " "
John S. Ermentrout,	3	Grindstonehill charge,	350		4			280			11	3	Chambersburg, "
	2	Huntingdon charge,						145					
David Snively,		Licentiate,											Mercersburg, " "
A. J. M. Hudson,		"											South Bend, Indiana.

Without charge: Jacob Mayer & Frederick A. Scholl.

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confr.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,	4	Saucon, Saltzburg, &c.			89	40		557			29		Allentown, Pa.
John A. Strassburger,	4	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.			145			703			65		Sellersville, Bucks county, Pa.
Daniel Weiser,	2	Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	860	1000	78	58		615			22	4	Upper Hanover, Montg'ry co. Pa.
Lewis C. Herman,	3	Pottstown, Mountain, &c.	390		25			300	1		16	1	New Hanover, " "
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.	830		105	69		715			31	7	Hellerstown, Northampton co. "
William T. Gerhart,	5	Durham, Nockamixon, &c.			55	11		368			24	5	Bucksville, Bucks co. "
John Naille,	3	Towamencin, Hilltown, &c.	460		14	12	1	286	2	1	14	2	Line Lexington, " "
Christian R. Kessler,		Without charge,											Allentown, "
J. B. Pörner,	5	Millerstown charge,			61	9		125			16	4	Emaus, Lehigh co. "
N. S. Strassburger,	5	Amity charge,			76	71		513			70	4	Boyerstown, Berks co. "
	1	Baumst'n, sup. Rev. Hefelfin-											
A. L. Dechant,	3	Missionary, [ger,*											Frederick, Montgomery co. "
Thomas G. Apple,		Licentiate,											Easton, Northampton co. "

* No report.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
John F. Busche,		Forsyth str. church, N. York,											New York City, N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwartz,		Boston,			56	3		123			4		Boston, Mass.
Herman Bielefeld,		Zion's church, Buffalo,			18	18	33	174			8		Buffalo, N. Y.
William Meyers,		Tonawanda,			40	25		270			15		Tonawanda, Erie co., N. Y.
Andrew Schröder,		Emmanuel,	80		6	4		54					Eden, N. Y.
G. F. Jahncke,		St. John's, Zion's,											Buffalo, N. Y.
Robert Köhler,		Emmanuel,											" "
Jacob Dahlman,													
William Drees													Bloomingdale, N. Y.
J. C. Brunner,													Philadelphia, Pa.

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

IN

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

AT

NERIAH, MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 29, 1853.

COLUMBUS, OHIO:

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1853.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, convened at Neriah, Monroe county, Michigan, on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, September 29th, in the year 1853.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the Synodical sermon was preached, at the request of Synod, by Rev. J. F. Mesick, D. D., from Rom. 14:17: "*For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1.—*From the Classis of Miami.*

Ministers.—W. K. Zieber, P. C. Prugh, John Rike.

Elders.—Jesse Prugh, J. Oldfather.

2.—*From the Classis of Lancaster.*

Ministers.—Geo. W. Williard, I. S. Weisz, F. W. Dechant.

Elder.—Samuel Loucks.

3.—*From the Classis of Westmoreland.*—(None present.)

4.—*From the Classis of Sandusky.*

Minister.—J. C. Klar.

5.—*From the Classis of Columbiana.*

Minister.—N. E. Gilds.

6.—*From the Classis of Tiffin.*

Ministers.—J. H. Good, H. Shaull.

Elders.—Jacob Kroh, Conrad Meyers, Jacob Bunn.

7.—*From the Classes of St. Joseph.*

Ministers.—Wm. M. Reed, R. R. Salters.

Elders.—J. F. Kitson, P. K. Zacharias.

8.—*From the Classis of Clarion.*

Ministers.—H. Hoffman, Geo. Wolff.

9.—*From the Northern German Classis.*

Minister.—D. Kemmerer.

10.—*From the Classis of Indiana.*

Minister.—George Long.

11.—*From the Synod of the United States.*

Minister.—J. F. Mesick, D. D.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Ministers.—D. Kroh, A. J. Rutan, J. Rebaugh, J. Hassler, H. Rust, D. Gackenheimer, C. Pleuss, E. V. Gerhart.

Elders.—George Weber, Dr. David Rauch, Peter Loose.

APPLICANT.

George Weber.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. George Long was chosen *President.*

Rev. I. S. Weisz was chosen *Treasurer and Cor. Secretary.*

Rev. J. H. Good is *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Synodical Minutes.—D. Kemmerer, W. M. Reed, J. Rebaugh, Jesse Prugh, J. Oldfather.

On Minutes of Classes.—G. W. Williard, G. Long, D. Gackenheimer, P. C. Prugh, J. Kroh, S. Loucks.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—I. S. Weisz, N. E. Gilds, J. H. Good, P. K. Zacharias, J. Kitson.

On the Theological Seminary.—G. Wolff, D. Kroh, H. Rust, J. Bunn, J. Kitson.

On Missions.—J. F. Mesick, P. C. Prugh, P. K. Zacharias, G. Weber.

On Finance.—W. M. Reed, H. Shaull, J. Oldfather, J. Kroh.

On Publication.—W. K. Zieber, D. Kemmerer, J. C. Klar, S. Loucks, C. Meyers.

On Religious Exercises.—J. C. Klar, I. S. Weisz, R. R. Salters. J. Loose, D. Rauch.

On Nominations.—H. Hoffman, J. Rike, I. S. Weisz, J. Kitson, P. K. Zacharias.

On Heidelberg College.—J. Rike, J. F. Mesick, H. Rust, Jesse Prugh.

On Correspondence.—H. Shaull, H. Rust, J. Hassler, J. Bunn, C. Meyers.

On the State of Religion.—P. C. Prugh, R. R. Salters, G. Wolff, P. K. Zacharias, J. Prugh.

On Education —I. S. Weisz, R. R. Salter, H. Shaull, S. Loucks, J. Oldfather.

ARTICLE V.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of our Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

After having carefully studied to report in a condensed, but lively form, the true spirit of the reports of the different classes comprising the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, your committee would respectfully submit the following:

The kingdom of God upon the earth is essentially one kingdom. It starts in one germ, grows from one root, and develops but one life. There is "One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism." But whilst the life and character of the Christian Church is essentially one, it appears under different external forms; so that the Savior, in his words of rich promise, consolation and hope, speaks most assuredly and directly to us, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." These, in connection with those other blessed words, uttered by our Lord when about to withdraw his visible appearance from the world, "Lo I am with you always," have been to the church, in all ages, her greatest comfort. "Like apples of gold in pictures of silver," so have they been precious to her. The world, and professing Christians closely allied to it, may regard Christ as being far off; they may think of Him as seated only at the right hand of God; so occupied with the weighty concerns of heaven, and so exalted in dignity as to suffer himself to cast but an occasional glance towards earth, and exercise but a slight control over the affairs of His church. In this, however, they do him grievous wrong. He is not an High Priest that has passed into the heavens, and cannot therefore be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but a Savior who is ever present in the darkest hours of need; a Savior who has given to us lines of sure promise, that have been fulfilled in all ages of the

world, that he will never leave his people,—that he will never forsake them. In the full faith of such an ever living and abiding presence of Christ in his visible Church, all the reports that came before us seem to have been written. Surely, in the possession of such a consciousness, the Church may well lift up her head and rejoice.

The preaching of the Gospel, say the reports, has, during the past year, been well attended, and the means of grace, ordained and found only in the Church, have by no means been neglected. Great efforts have been made, on the part of the ministry, to bring into living union with the church her inactive members; and we are led to believe that very soon few will claim the title "church member," and yet be found outside of her sweet communion.

During no previous year has more attention been had to the cause of missions, and the interests of our institutions in general; thus placing them upon a basis at once firm and immovable. Never perhaps, during any one year in our previous history, were more new charges formed, and houses of worship erected, than during the present; and a most encouraging feature in the building of churches is, that though large and neatly finished, they are in most instances paid for immediately upon completion. And what is all this but the outward expression of the internal life of the church? Form may be without life, but life without form, never. God grant that the life of the church may unfold itself more and more; that the vine of his own planting may bring forth fruit abundantly, to the honor and glory of His great name.

Our church is indeed in a flourishing condition, and if ever we have had reason to praise God for His loving kindness and tender mercies exercised towards us, it is now. No hue and cry from without, nor fears within, have swerved her from duty, or prevented her from an earnest struggle to fulfil her mission. Peace now dwells within her walls, and prosperity characterizes all her efforts to do good. A few dark spots, however, are seen upon her body, but let us pray that God may so direct the events of his Providence

as to cause these speedily to disappear. While some of our sister denominations, from causes not necessary here to notice, have been looking upon us as ready to dissolve, through the influence of internal dissensions, we are happy to state that our entire church feels the consciousness of a oneness—of peace and union, which are so essential to prosperity. "A love," says one of our reports, "for our Reformed Zion, her doctrines and customs, dwells in every heart, and seems to grow stronger from year to year: As ministers we are all desirous that the German Reformed Church should occupy her proper position. On the one hand we see and avoid the danger of High-Church Dogma-Idolatry and dead formalism; and on the other we carefully shun the dangerous ground of shapeless and formless fanaticism." "Not that we can by any means claim for our church in any respect," says another report, "even a near approximation to what she might or should be, but that there are a number of bright evidences of an advancement in many particulars from her state and condition in several by-gone years, which induce the hope that she is not only coming up out of the wilderness leaning upon the arms of her Beloved, but also putting on her beautiful garments, in which she shall be made to appear fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Our religion is a life-religion. Precious indeed to the pious soul is this doctrine. With such a view of our holy Christianity, how can we become dead formalists? In intimate union with this, stands that other precious doctrine, that Christ with the power of his life is ever in the Church, not only preserving but also spreading it more and more, until all enemies shall have been subdued, and put under his feet. To our beloved Zion this doctrine is precious. Surely then, as long as she holds this, she cannot give up the life of Christianity for mere forms. She cannot make such an awful blunder as to substitute form for life. She cannot hold the form of godliness, and yet deny the power thereof.

But with all this, there are things in the church which are not in every particular as they should be. We shall, however, only refer to one of these. From the statistical reports we learn that during the past year nearly 2,000 infants received the holy ordinance of baptism, and but 1,000 were added to the Church by confirmation. Hence we are led to believe, taking every thing into account, that not a very large majority of all those who are baptized in infancy are brought properly into the church, as they arrive to years of maturity; at least not into our church. This no doubt results from the want of two things. 1st. Parents do not give to their children the early religious training which they should. They want faith in that precious promise of God, that if they train up their children in the fear of the Lord, when they become old they will not depart therefrom.

2nd. We as ministers do not generally give sufficient attention to the instruction of the baptized children of the church. We seem to have but little faith in instruction, as a means of grace by which God will bring those who have been already initiated into full communion with the church. We seem to lose sight of the important fact that baptism, in the case of infants, completes itself only in confirmation—that it is carried forward to this important end by a process in which the church can by no means be an idle spectator. We seem to act towards such children as though they must "get religion," or become Christians outside of the Church, and then be added to it, forgetting all the time that they are in the church, and must be instructed and dealt with accordingly.

We cannot conclude our report without expressing our hearty thanks to God for His spiritual and temporal blessings, and for the success with which he has crowned our labors during another synodical year. Our health and lives have been spared, and as stewards of the Lord, we are still permitted to work in his vineyard. But with solemn feelings, and an obedient will, we bow before an All-Wise Providence, in the removal, by death, from our midst, of he Rev. A. Keller, of the Sandusky classis. He was taken from a

world of sorrow to a world of glory, where with angels and glorified spirits, upon "harps of light, touched with etherial finger," he now strikes a higher lay, and swells a louder note, charming Heaven's myriads as he sweetly sings, "blessing and honor and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever."

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of the Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following as their report:

That they have endeavored to be faithful in the important trust committed to their care, and are happy to say that their efforts have been crowned with as much success as might have been expected. It is true that the liabilities of the Board have not all been met, in consequence of the tardiness of those who are indebted to the Seminary, yet it is hoped that all arrearages will soon be paid, which will at once relieve the Board from all embarrassment. There is something over $100 due our Theological Professor on the last year, ending last June, which is now the only claim held against the Seminary. All the orders which had been given the General Agent at different times, for per centage, have been paid during the past year. And we are happy to say that the indebtedness of the Board is less than the claims that are due the Seminary. The Synod itself owes the Seminary about $70, which it is hoped will be immediately paid, as the Board is depending on it to meet its obligations to the Professor.

The Board has been unable to do any thing during the past year for the purchase of a Library, as all its funds were required to meet the necessary expenses of the Seminary. Much, however, has been done towards the accomplishment of this desirable object in other directions, as will be seen from the report of our Theological Professor in reference to this matter.

Particular attention has been given during the past year to the collection of the notes and subscriptions taken by the General Agent. About $1,600 have been collected by the co-operation of different ministers and laymen, to whom much praise is due, especially as the whole has been done with very little expense. This amount has been wisely and judiciously invested by the Board.

The Board is under the necessity of announcing the resignation of the General Agent, the Rev. H. Shaull, who has hitherto been prosecuting his agency with so much success. It was with regret that the Board felt itself compelled to this step; but as the reasons assigned by our worthy agent seemed to call for it, it has been acquiesced in, with the hope that a successor may be obtained to carry forward and complete what has so successfully been commenced.

A request was made at the last meeting of the Board, from the Rev. J. Hines and Mr. J. Jenkins, to change their "Plainfield Bond" into scholarships. The Board felt itself constrained to grant the request of the petitioners, in view of the peculiar circumstances under which it was made, upon the condition that the interest be paid up to the time when the change was made.

A request was also made to the Board, on the part of Mrs. Drucilla Stump, widow of the Rev. Wm. Stump, deceased, to return the Plainfield Bond which the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary holds against the estate of our deceased Brother. The estate, it is said, is barely sufficient to meet its liabilities, which is the reason assigned for the request. As this is the first application of the kind that has been made to the Board, we have concluded to refer the request to the Synod, that the Board may know how to proceed in future.

It is a matter of regret that so few collections have been lifted for the immediate use of the Seminary, and so little done to increase the number of candidates for the Gospel ministry. We hope that these things will in future receive that attention which their importance demands. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President of the Board.*

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treasurer, in account with Seminary German Ref. Church, Dr.*

1852.			
		Balance on hand as per report at Wooster	$107 00
Aug 16.	Received of	David Spiker, on note	5 00
	"	Henry Schmidt, note in full	25 00
	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh, part col in Miami Classis,	40 00
Dec. 20.	"	Do. bal. col. do.	380 00
1853.			
Jan. 12.	"	Jacob Bretz on bond J. & P. Bretz	50 00
Feb. 10.	"	J. J. Spirgy, note in full	10 00
"	"	Mrs. Jemima Hunt, on note	5 00
14.	"	Jonathan Ketterman, bond in full	100 00
	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh, col. in Miami Classis	350 00
17.	"	John Miller, first payment on note	5 00
March 4.	"	Mrs. J. Hunt, on note	5 00
8.	"	John Zeiters, note	10 00
	"	Adam Franck	15 00
13.	"	George Cost, amount his bond	50 00
19.	"	Mrs. E. R. Leiter, amount note	10 00
April 14.	"	D. H. Baughman, do	10 00
21.	"	W. Weidner, do	30 00
May 3.	"	Mich. Brenner, on note	10 00
"	"	Abrah. Brenner do	10 00
"	"	Elizabeth Hoffer, do	10 00
"	"	Samuel and Martha Wright, amount bond	50 00
7.	"	William Kershner, on note	25 00
	"	E. H. Fricks, do	10 00
19.	"	"A. B." on note per Rev. W. K. Zeiber	5 00
	"	Rev. W. Conrad, note in full	10 00
30.	"	S. Ankeny, on bond Steel & Ankeny	25 00
	"	M. Stoudt, amount his bond	50 00
June 9.	"	Henry Bates, on note	10 00
"	"	Mary King	10 00
"	"	S. Puterbaugh, amount his bond	50 00
10.	"	Mrs. S. Bunn, amount her note	50 00
July 15.	"	P. Bretz, amount his bond	50 00
Aug. 12.	"	Dan'l Zoellun, amount his note	10 00
18.	"	Samuel Nazor, on note	10 00
			1,607 00

			Cr.
1852.			
Aug. 16.	Paid	Rev. H. Shaull, on per centage	$20 00
"	"	do on bonds at Wooster	32 00
Dec. 18.	"	Joel W. Wilson, on note given Rev. Shaull	87 00
20.	"	for collecting notes and interest where there was no Pastor	11 00
1853.			
Feb. 18.	"	Joel W. Wilson, order Board in favor of Rev. Shaull,	17 00
"	"	do do and interest	69 10
21.	"	Rev. H. Shaull, in full to date	21 45

June 9.	Paid collecting notes where no pastor located		4 50
	" funds loaned Prof. E. V. Gerhart		615 00
	" " " John L. Gill and others		350 00
	" " " Dr. Maris, on mortgage		370 00
	On hand		9 95
			$1,607 00

GERMAN PROFESSORSHIP.

Sept. 23, 1853.	Rec'd of Rev. M. Stern, on bond $50, 1 year's interest,		$3 00

FUND FOR PROFESSOR'S SALARY.

1852.			
	Balance on hand		$52 50
Aug. 16.	Received of Josiah Mourer, interest on bond		6 00
Aug. 16.	Received of J. Feeman and S. Rhodes, interest on bond,		6 00
17.	" Rev. J. Richards, do do		6 00
"	" James Jacoby, do do		6 00
"	" John Somedecker do do		3 00
Sept. 28,	" Rev. J. G. Ruhl, collection in Jacob's and Klingley's congregations		4 00
"	" Rev. J. Vogt, collection in Samuel's, Zion's and St. Paul's congregations		6 66
"	" Rev. A. Wanner, collection in his charge		3 00
"	" John Royer, interest on his bond		5 00
Oct. 8.	" Rev. S. B. Leiter, col. for im. use		4 00
11.	" Rev. F. W. Dechant do		7 18
Dec. 5.	" Jesse Peterson, interest on bond		3 00
"	" Abel Peterson, do		3 00
"	" J. Anderson and J. Temple, int. on bond		3 00
"	" Rev. P. C. Prugh, do		6 00
1853.			
Jan. 7.	" Rev. J. H. Buser, do		5 00
"	" John Reedy, do		3 00
12.	" Jacob Bretz, do		1 50
"	" Rev. S. S. Rickley, do		6 00
15.	" Wm. A. Charles, do		3 00
"	" Noah Fawley, do		3 00
"	" Peter Pence, do		3 00
"	" Rev. Jesse Hines, do		6 00
Feb. 10.	" Rev. D. Winters, do		6 00
"	" Israel Staley, do		6 00
"	" Michael Huiet, do		3 00
14.	" Jona. Ketterman, do		3 00
"	" Michael Huiet, do		3 00
17.	" John Urbin, do		3 00
28.	" Jos. A. Selby, do		3 00
"	" Chas. Brown, do		6 00
"	" Jacob Boyer, donation for immediate use		5 00
March 8.	" Stephen Hagenbaugh, interest on bond		3 00
13.	" Geo. Cost, interest in full on bond		8 00
19.	" Missions Verein Walnut creek cong. im. use		6 00
"	" Do do Rogersville do		6 00
"	" Rev. S. B. Leiter, interest on his bond		6 00
"	" Mrs. E. V. Leiter, interest on her note		1 00

Mar. 19.	Received of	David Haun, interest on bond		6 00
April 18.	"	Rev. H. Williard,	do	6 00
20.	"	Rev. John Rike,	do	6 00
"	"	Rev. W. K. Zeiber, col. Farmersville cong.		6 00
May 3.	"	William Wilson, interest on bond		3 00
"	"	Jacob Herring,	do	2 00
7.	"	Elizabeth Stump,	do	6 00
"	"	John Shilling,	do	3 00
"	"	Jacob Kuhn,	do	3 00
"	"	Philip Bretz,	do	3 00
"	"	C Cresga,	do	6 00
"	"	Rev. A. Stump, col. in his charge		10 00
15.	"	Matthias Stoudt, interest on bond		3 00
"	"	Rev. H. Williard, col. for immediate use		4 50
19.	"	Rev. W. K. Zieber, Salem cong. im. use		4 00
"	"	George Shaffer, interest on bond		3 00
"	"	Mrs. Susannah Bunn,	do	3 00
"	"	Jacob Bunn,	do	6 00
30.	"	Samuel Ankeny,	do	1 50
June 8.	"	S. Crist,	do	6 00
"	"	Maria Dressler,	do	3 00
"	"	Rev. I. S. Weisz,	do	6 00
"	"	Rev. J. B. Thompson,	do	6 00
9.	"	S. Puterbaugh,	do	3 00
"	"	Wm. Hoff, Tr. Synod, part interest on loan,		13 50
"	"	John and Wm. Rader, interest on bond		3 00
"	"	J. Snyder,	do	6 00
"	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh,	do	6 00
28.	"	And. H. Baughman,	do	6 00
"	"	Mrs. Mary Baughman,	do	6 00
July 6.	"	Rev. John W. Hamn.,	do	6 00
"	"	Daniel Flickenger,	do	6 00
"	"	Joseph Musser,	do	6 00
"	"	Martin Weimer,	do	3 00
"	"	John Tawney,	do	3 00
"	"	Rev. S. S. Rickley,	do	12 00
"	"	James Jacoby,	do	6 00
"	"	Agnes Wesemer,	do	6 00
16.	"	Daniel Wampler,	do	6 00
"	"	A. H. and S. H. Baughman,	do	16 20
Aug. 9.	"	Henry Zeigler,	do	6 00
Sept. 2.	"	Stephen Hagenbaugh,	do	6 00
"	"	William Wilson,	do	3 00
"	"	Peter Batdorf,	do	3 00
"	"	Jesse Prugh and Rev. G. Wolff, each $6 00		12 00
				$472 54

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Jan. 12.	Paid Prof. Gerhart		$37 50
Feb. 15.	"	"	40 00
Mar. 16.	"	"	67 88
31.	"	"	100 00
June 8.	"	"	40 00
9.	"	"	12 00

July 13,	Paid Prof. Gerhart	22 20
"	" "	7 00
28.	" "	87 00
Sept 23.	" "	40 00
29.	" "	12 00
"	On hand	6 96
		$472 54

JOHN T. BLAIN,
Treas. Theo. Seminary.

Columbus, O., September, 1853.

3.—*Report on the Seminary, by the Professor of Theology.*

As there has not been a meeting of the Board of Visitors at Tiffin, uring the last year, it will be acceptable to the Synod, I judge, if I present a brief report of the internal condition and progress of the Theological Seminary.

During the last winter session there were *twelve* students in the Institution: Cyrus H. Reiter, Frederick C. Bauman, Isaac H. Reiter, John H. Klein, Caspar Scheel, Wm. Spies and John Blaetgen, were continued from the previous session, to which number were added Jacob Lefever, of Shelby county, O., Henry Eschmeier, of Tiffin, Geo. Jacob Schroeder of Gruenstadt, Bavaria, Robert Otto Mueller, of Osnaburg, O., A. Peter Nickart, of Meissenheim, Baden. All of these, but three, continued also during the past summer session. Schroeder and Mueller left the Institution in the spring, for want of pecuniary support; the latter was subsequently licensed by the North German Classis. Bauman was licensed by the Tiffin Classis for the period of six months, and sent to supply a vacant congregation in Iowa for that time. He designs to return to the Seminary and resume his studies in the course of a few weeks.

All these young men are what are generally called irregular students. None of them have pursued a regular classical course. All, however, have received a preparatory education more or less com-

plete. The pressing demand for ministers, and the limited amount of means to support indigent students, as well as a general sentiment on the subject among our Western ministry, have induced me to yield, though reluctantly, to a common desire to prosecute an incomplete course of study. The shortest period that has been fixed upon for any is three years. But my convictions of duty will compel me to extend this period and require a full course of study, classical and theological, to be pursued by the students so soon as the state and views of the church will sustain the measure. Several are now in the College who intend to graduate before entering the Seminary.

During the past year, the following studies were attended to: Introduction to the Old and New Testament, Evidences of Christianity, Church History, Didatic Theology and Homiletics. The majority have at the same time been prosecuting some branches in the College, such as Natural Philosophy, Logic, the German language, and Psychology; and some of them the Greek language. Their general attention to study has been commendable; their proficiency good, and their Christian conduct exemplary.

At present there are *ten* students in connection with the Seminary. This number could be increased immediately if we had more funds to sustain the indigent. Three or four design to apply for Licensure by the close of the present Seminary year, and will be ready to enter upon the active duties of the Gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted. E. V. GERHART.

4.—*Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

Your Committee on the Seminary beg leave to offer the following Report:

Two documents were placed in the hands of this Committee.

The first is a Report from John T. Blain, Esq., Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

From this report the Committee learns that the Treasurer received during the past year, for immediate use, cash in collection and interest on Plainfield Bonds, the amount of $472 54. Of this amount $465 62 have been paid on Professor Gerhart's salary, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of $6 96.

There has been paid on the Endowment Fund $1,607 00. Of this amount there has been paid to the Rev. H. Shaull, Agent, as per centage, and loans to others, the amount of $1,597 05, leaving a balance of $9 95 on hand.

The second is a report from the Board of the Theological Seminary. Your Committee would direct the attention of Synod to the following points:

1. The Board has given strict attention to the duty imposed upon them, and have met with marked success, yet they have not been able to meet the Professor's salary fully. There is still something over $100 due him. This failure is not, however, because of the want of funds to be applied in this direction, but because the funds have not been paid in.

2. The Board has not been able to do anything during the past year towards the purchase of a Library, as all its funds were necessary to meet other expenses. Your Committee, however, is gratified to learn that Professor E. V. Gerhart acted as a voluntary agent to collect books and funds, and met with great success. A report of his efforts and success will be given to Synod.

3. The Board has given particular attention during the year, to collect the notes and subscriptions taken by the General Agent. Your Committee would recommend Synod to approve of the course it has pursued in collecting these funds, and urge it to continue.

4. Your Committee learns that the Rev. H. Shaull has resigned his Agency, which was accepted by the Board. Your Committee would recommend Synod to appoint another Agent, so soon as the way is open, to prosecute what has been so successfully commenced. (This item was referred to the Board of Trustees.)

5. Rev. J. Hines and J. Jenkins, requested the Board to change their Plainfield Bonds into Scholarships, which was acceeded to. Your Committee recommend that the course of the Board be approved in these instances.

6. A request was also made to the Board, on the part of Mrs. Drucilla Stump, to return the Plainfield Bond held against the estate of the Rev. Wm. Stump, deceased. This request is based upon the fact that the estate is scarcely sufficient to meet all liabilities. The Board desires an expression of Synod on this point. (This request was granted.)

Respectfully submitted. G. WOLFF.

Resolved, That the Board be directed to return the Bond referred to in item 6.

5.—*Report on the Library.*

When I entered upon the duties of my office, in May 1851, the Theological Seminary was entirely destitute of a Library. During the first session, Rev. J. G. Zahner collected a number of Books, and contributed some himself. A donation was also made (conditionally) by Father Rahauser. These formed a nucleus of the future Library; but altogether were not more than between one and two hundred volumes. Under these circumstances I felt that some effort must be made to increase it, for I was convinced that to continue with so small a collection, would be a serious hinderance to the prosperity and usefulness of the Seminary. Hence I determined to devote the whole of my summer vacation of last year to an effort

for this object in the Atlantic cities and among some of our Eastern Churches; and wrote to the Board of Trustees, requesting them to appoint me their Agent to solicit donations in books and money, and obligate themselves to bear the expenses. But as the results of the proposed mission were uncertain, and as the Board had no surplus funds to appropriate to a Library, it did not feel justified in assuming a responsibility which might have been difficult to meet. After further reflection and consultation with some of my brethren, I determined, in reliance upon God, to undertake the Agency at my own pecuniary risk. Accordingly I borrowed money to defray my travelling expenses, and left home on the fifth of July, 1852. I labored about three weeks in New York; two weeks in Philadelphia; the rest of my time, about four weeks, was divided between Easton, Lancaster, Chambersburg, Mercersburg, Baltimore and Harrisburg. The undertaking was very laborious; difficulties met me at every step; yet God raised up friends of our Institution in every place, and prospered my work.

I collected in money $222,20; of this amount I immediately applied $132,15 to the purchase of Books, from Robert Carter & Brothers, New York. This firm had the kindness to offer me any of its own publications that I might select from its shelves at a very large discount—a privilege of which I readily availed myself. This arrangement enabled me to purchase more than two hundred volumes. Nearly all the Publishers in New York and Philadelphia, responded to my application, after representing the condition, relations and vocation of our Institutions at Tiffin. Among those of New York, my acknowledgements are due particularly to Robert Carter & Brothers, who not only sold me their publications at a greatly reduced price, but also presented me with a number of select works, and proposed to receive at their store all the books I obtained in that city, pack and ship them to my address—an act of kindness that greatly facilitated my labors. The same gratuitous service was rendered me in Philadelphia, by the firm of Lindsay & Blakiston, to whom I feel indebted for various acts of generous as-

sistance. In New York, I received donations from the following houses: Newman & Iveson, Chas. Scribner, M. W. Dodd, G. P. Putnam, D. Appleton & Co., Robert Sears, Leavitt & Allen, J. Wiley, Sword & Lockwood, and Garrigue; from the American Bible Society, the American Home Missionary Society, and the American Tract Society; in Philadelphia, from Messrs. Lippencott, Grambo & Co., Lindsay & Blakiston, Biddle, Schaeffer & Koradi, Christern, Wiek & Weick, Thos. Cowperthwaite & Co., Blanchard & Lea, Daniels & Smith, J. & J. L. Gihon, also from the Presbyterian Board of Publication; (books to the amount of $35, selected by myself,) the American Sabbath School Union, (maps and books to the amount of $30) and the Baptist Board of Publication. Books were also donated by a number of individuals, from their private Libraries, among whom I am able to name from memory, Dr. H. J. Brown, Mr. Beufer, and Mr. John P. Hassler, of Philadelphia; Rev. Harbaugh, of Lancaster; Rev. Dr. Demarest, of Harrisburg; Rev. Drs. Nevin and Schaff, and Prof. T. Apple, of Mercersburg; Rev. Drs. Schneck and Fisher, and Mrs. Knox, (per Mr. Barnard Wolff) of Chambersburg. Inasmuch as the room appropriated to the Library in the College Building at Tiffin, has not been finished, and I could consequently not set out and arrange the books, it is impossible for me to furnish the Synod with a catalogue, nor can I state accurately how many volumes were obtained by my Agency; yet from some estimate made, I judge the number to be not less than twelve hundred. Nearly all of them are new books, selected from the shelves of the Publishers; and comprise standard works in Theology, Philology, History, Classics, Practical Religion, Literature, and Science in general. Some may be of minor importance, yet they are all valuable for a Library.

My success in the cities is owing in a great measure to the co-operation of the Clergymen whose aid I solicited. I must mention Rev. Drs. DeWitt and Ferris, and Rev. J. C. Guldin, of New York, and Rev. Dr. Berg, of Philadelphia, to whom my acknowledgements are due for letters of introduction and recommendation of our en-

terprize, as well as for other acts of kindness, by which I was greatly assisted in my work. The ministers generally, on whom I called, without respect to denominational distinction, gave me the influence of their names and the benefit of their counsel.

Early in the spring of 1852, the Professors at Tiffin, learned that the Rev. N. Gehr, then of Chambersburg, intended to make a tour to the Continent of Europe; and upon enquiry whether he would be willing to undertake an Agency for the collection of Books, he replied that he would cheerfully act in that capacity, upon the simple condition that the unavoidable expenses connected with his effort, be defrayed. Accordingly I prepared a commission in the German and English languages, authorizing him to solicit donations in books, in Europe, for the Library of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin. The plan was submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, and received their cordial approval. The commission was then signed by the Professors at Tiffin, the officers of the Board, and countersigned by the Secretary of the State of Ohio; and Rev. N. Gehr, spent about a month or six weeks of labor, attended with a great deal of privation and generous self-denial in the service of the Library, on the Continent of Europe. He succeeded in obtaining about 400 volumes, comprising many of the best works on History, Theology, and Religion, that have been published in Germany. Probably the number will reach 500; as one box from Basel, shipped quite recently, has not yet arrived. All the other boxes have reached Tiffin in good order. The expenses connetced with this Agency were only $45,20; all of which I have paid. Forty-nine unbound volumes were bound in the Bindery of Chambersburg, for the small sum of $11,90—an amount that is still due. This Synod owes Rev. Mr. Gehr an expression of heartfelt thanks for the self-sacrificing and efficient services that he has rendered our Institutions.

On my return from my voluntary Agency, I discovered that the expenses would greatly exceed my calculations; of the $220,20 collected, I had devoted altogether $150,40, to the purchase of books.

To make up the deficit, I issued a circular, setting forth the nature and success of my Agency, and soliciting the co-operation of the Church. The circular was sent to every minister. A number of brethren responded to the appeal. I recieved an amount of money that was nearly sufficient to defray the travelling expenses, pay freight, binding, etc. The account is herewith submitted to Synod, from which it will be seen that I have received $382,58, and paid out $371,72, leaving a balance in hand of $10,86. The liabilities of the Library amount to $46,90. The sum of $25,00 is due Messrs. Arnold & Tomb, of Tiffin, being borrowed money; $11,90, to Kieffer & Co., for binding; and $10,00 to Carter & Brothers, of New York, for books purchased. Some expense will also be incurred by the shipping of the last box from Basel.

A number of brethren of the West, have also generously made donations in books: among these I recollect the names of Rev. A. Wanner, Rev. Herbruck, Rev. J. W. Hamm, Rev. J. G. Zahner, Rev. G. W. Williard, Rev. Dr. Bossard. The most active man in this respect has been the Rev. J. G. Zahner, who has been the means of adding several hundred volumes.

As the result of my Agency, assisted by Rev. N. Gehr, and some other brethren, we have now a good Library of our Seminary, numbering, it is estimated, not less than *two thousand* volumes—a result that has involved the Synod in no trouble and imposed no burden, and that should fill our hearts with gratitude to Almighty God for the favor bestowed upon the School of the Prophets.

Respectfully submitted, E. V. GERHART.

6.—*Library Fund.*

REV. E. V. GERHART, *in account with Library, Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio.* *Dr.*

1852.	To cash from	col. W. B. Crosby	$100 00
July.	"	Individals in New York	50 00
Aug.	"	German Reformed Church, Race st. Philada,	20 50
	"	Rev. Reutenich	10 00
	"	Dr. Mayberry	10 00
	"	Mr. John Bausman	10 00
	"	Sundry Individuals, Easton, Pa.	16 70
Oct.	"	Rev. L. B. Schwartz	5 00
1853.			
Jan. 8.	To Cash from	Mr. H. Leonard	5 00
Jan. 12.	"	Col. of Rev. Prugh, Xenia Charge	11 51
" 31.	"	Rev. David Winters	5 00
Feb. 8.	"	Col. by Rev. N. E. Gilds	1 00
" 17.	"	Rev. H. Shaull	5 00
" 21.	"	Col. by Rev. C. H. Hoffman	11 00
Mar. 15.	"	Mr. H. W. Chapman	1 00
" 29.	"	Rev. J. G. Ruhl	4 00
April 8.	"	Rev. G. Zumpe	5 00
	"	Rev. A. J. Rutan	1 00
May 6.	"	Rev. Englebach, col. in his charge	3 06
" 9.	"	Col. in Brown Co. Cong. per J. Gross	5 00
May 12.	To cash from	Rev. J. W. Hamm	2 00
	"	Rev. Hamm col. in his charge	8 00
	"	Rev. Geo. Ziegler col. in his charge	10 00
June 13.	"	Rev. P. Herbruck	2 00
" 25.	"	Per Rev. Kammerer from Rev. Ackert	1 00
	"	Per do from different Ministers of North Ger. Classis, for the purchase of Books	19 00
	"	2 copies of Horne's Introduction, sold	7 00
Aug. 7.	"	Rev. Weiler, col. in his charge	10 00
" 17.	"	Rev. W. Conrad col. in his charge	9 31
" 19.	"	Borrowed of Arnold & Tomb	25 00
" 23.	"	Rev. P. Herbruck	5 00
Sept. 1.	"	Rev. P. J. Spangler col. in Uniontown Cong.	3 00
" 15.	"	Rev. Woelher, col. in his Cong.	1 50
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May 13.	Paid expenses on box from American Tract Society		$1 66
Aug.	" Carter & Bro. New York, as per invoice		132 15
	" For 10 vols of Messengers		10 00
	" Expenses freight on sundry packages		1 60
Sept.	" " In travelling on Agency to New York, Philadelphia, Easton, Baltimore, &c.		115 89
Nov. 20.	" Paper for Circulars		2 00
"	" Printing Circulars		5 00
Dec.	" Freight on books from Europe, to Rev. Gehr		10 00
1853.			
Jan. 17.	" Freight on books at Tiffin, to Henderson & Boyce		5 00
	" To Joseph Walker		6 00

Feb. 9.	Paid Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia, as per bill	2 13
"	" Freight on books from Lindsay & Blakiston	1 94
"	" Postage	2 00
Feb. 19.	" Freight on box—Chambersburg to Cincinnati	3 45
March.	" Freight on box from Louisville (Drayman)	10
" 29.	" Drayman for two boxes	25
April 14.	" By Postage	60
" 20.	" By freight on package of Books	40
" 26.	" Cash to Rev. Gehr, on account of books	10 08
" 30.	" Cash to Henderson & Boyce, Freight	5 61
May.	" Discount on note at Bank	20
" 6.	" Expenses on package from Philadelphia,	1 10
" 9.	" Removing books to Seminary building	50
" 28.	Paid Freight to Joseph Walker	14 14
June 19.	" Rev. N. Gehr, on account of books	2 00
July.	" Drayman	50
	" Whatley's Logic, bo't	50
Aug. 19.	" Discount at Bank	57
"	" Bal. paid Rev. N. Gehr	23 20
" 23.	" By Postage	40
"	" By Int. on money borrowed to pay the expenses of Library Agency	5 00
Sept.	" By books bo't of Dr. P. Schaff, for Library	7 75
		$371 72
	Balance in hand	10 86
		$382 58

Liabilities of Library Fund.

Due Arnold & Tomb, Tiffin, (borrowed money)	$25 00
Due Printing Establishment, Chambersburg, for binding Books	11 90
Due Carter & Brothers, New York, for Books purchased	10 00
	$46 90

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to Rev. E. V. Gerhart, and Rev. N. Gehr, for their self-denying labors in behalf of the Library.

Resolved, That Rev. E. V. Gerhart, be constituted a committee to procure books and monies for the increase of the Library.

Resolved, That the Classes and Ministers be requested to co-operate with Prof. Gerhart in procuring monies and books for the Library.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for religious exercises, reported the following order, which was adopted:

1. Sermon, on Thursday evening, by Rev. N. E. Gilds.
2. Sermon, on Friday evening, by Rev. I. S. Weisz.
3. On Saturday, at 2 P. M. Hymn by the President. Prayer in the German Language, by Rev. H. Hoffman. Hymn by the Rev. P. C. Prugh. Sermon in the English Language, preparatory to th Lord's Supper, by Rev. J. Rebaugh. Prayer by the President. Hymn and Benediction, by Rev. G. Wolff.
4. Sermon, on Saturday evening, by the President of Synod.
5. Sacramental Sermon, on Sabbath, by Professor E. V. Gerhart.
6. Distribution of the elements, by J. H. Good, G. Long, G. W. Williard, J. F. Mesick.
7. Prayer and Benediction, by Professor E. V. Gerhart.
8. Sermon on Sabbath, at 3 P. M., in the German Language, by Rev. H. Rust.
9. Sermon on Sabbath evening, by Rev. J. Rike.
10. Sermon on Monday evening, by Prof. J. H. Good.
11. Sermon on Sabbath, at Vienna, by Rev. J. Rebaugh.
12. Sermon on Sabbath, at Laselle, by Rev. P. C. Prugh.
13. Sermon on Sabbath, at Otter Creek, by Rev. G. Wolff.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. KLAR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence reported. Their report was received, acted upon, item by item, and adopted as follows:

No. 1, Is a letter from John Thoman, embodying a request that the proceedings of this Synod be hereafter published in the Church paper at Chambersburg as well as the Western Missionary.

Resolved, That Rev. H. Rust be requested to report the proceedings of Synod, for the Reformirte Kerchenzeitung.

No. 2, Is a letter from the Rev. A. Stump, in behalf of Mrs. Drusilla, widow of the late Rev. William Stump, asking the Synod to release the estate of her departed husband, of the Plainfield Bond for $100, which he gave for the endowment of our Theological Seminary.

This item was laid upon the table. Subsequently the request was granted by the vote of Synod.

No. 3, Is a letter from the Rev. A. Stump, Chairman of Synod's Committee, stating that the Committee had attended to the sale of the property at Mansfield, and their report forwarded to Synod.

On this item no action was taken.

No. 4, Is a letter from Mr. Joseph Brown, Clerk of the Consistory of the First German Reformed Church in the City of Dayton, calling the attention of this body to the following documents, viz:

The 1st, Is their petition to the Miami Classis.

2nd, Is the action of Classis upon their petition.

3d, The appeal of the Consistory from the decision of Classis to this Synod. This document contains,

(A) Is their appeal, together with their reasons, to the President of Classis.

(B) Is their appeal (the same in substance) with reasons more at length.

4th, They appeal to Synod as the highest Judicatory of the Church, to redress the wrongs which the Congregation has suffered at the hands of the Miami Classis, by reversing their action, and adopting some efficient measures, by which the Dayton Congregation, may be speedily relieved from their dilemma.

This item was referred to the special committee on the difficulties in the Dayton Church. For the action of Synod in the case, see underhead of "Classical Minutes."

No. 5, Is a friendly and interesting letter from the Rev. J. J. Abele, delegate of the German Evangelical Church Union of Ohio and adjacent States, containing,

1st, An excuse for his absence, upon the ground of sickness, his want of the use of the English language, and the great distance of our Synodical meeting.

2nd, An inquiry whether the existing interchanging of delegates, could not be carried on through the medium of the German Classis, provided that the said Classis receive the sanction of Synod, with reference to its future existence, in its present form.

Whereas, It appears from certain representations, that the correspondence between this body and the Evangelical Verein, has not been maintained by that Body in the kind and fraternal manner in which it was entered upon by this body,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, of which our next delegate to that Body shall be Chairman, to investigate this matter, and to report to the next Synod as to the propriety of dropping this correspondence.

The Committee consists of D. Kemmerer, M. Stern, and Jonas Shumacher.

No. 6, Is a letter from the Rev. J. F. Englebach, Pastor of the Springfield charge, pleading his innocence in regard to the complaints brought against him, through the "Western Missionary," by N. E. G. & A. Wanner, stating that he has been elected in regular order by six congregations, and that at a second election, held August 18th, 1853, he has been again elected by a majority of 16 votes. He complains further, of the conduct of Rev. Mahnenschmidt and Wanner, for having tried on the 6th inst., without the consent of the Springfield Charge, to settle the difficulty. And finally requests Synod to appoint a Committee to repair to the ground to investigate and properly adjust the whole difficulty.

No. 7, Is a letter from the Rev. Wanner and Mahneuschmidt, directing the attention of Synod to certain facts relative to the late difficulties existing in the Springfield Charge, in order that Synod may take such action as the case may demand. They insist upon the unconstitutionality of the Rev. J. F. Englebach's election as Pastor of the Springfield Charge, which they endeavor to prove by

the statement of eight facts, and earnestly desire Synod to set this whole matter right, and thereby save this large and promising Charge from utter destruction.

No. 8, Is a document from the Springfield Charge, signed by 44 members, stating that the Rev. J. F. Englebach is, in their opinion, not the proper man for the Charge—that he has taken an unconstitutional course, and therefore they most respectfully and earnestly request Synod (if possible) to send them a minister in regular connection with Synod; or make some other arrangements to supply them with the regular preaching of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted. H. SHAULL, *Chairman.*

Items 5, 6, and 7, were referred to a special Committee, consisting of J. Rike, A. J. Rutan, H. Hoffman, J. Bunn, and Jesse Prugh.

This committee subsequently made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Columbiana difficulties, beg leave respectfully to report that they have carefully examined the documents put into their hands, in which it is alledged on the one hand that the Rev. Mr. Englebach has been unconstitutionally called as Pastor of the Springfield Charge, for eight reasons therein assigned.

On the other hand, the Rev. Mr. Englebach pleads his innocence in regard to the charges brought against him; stating that he has been elected in regular order by six congregations, and that at a second election, held August 18th, 1853, he was elected again by a majority of sixteen votes.

In view therefore of the above facts, your Committee is of the opinion that this Synod can take no immediate action in the case that would remedy the difficulties existing in the Springfield Charge, but would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee invested with plenary power, to go to Springfield, whose business it shall be to investigate and properly adjust the whole difficulty.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN RIKE, *Chairman.*

The committee consists of S. B. Leiter, M. Stern, D. B. Ernst, J. W. Hamm, P. J. Spangler, Jacob Bretz, and J. Jacoby.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The standing Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. Their report was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as follows:

1.—*Irregularities.*

1. *Miami Classis* dismisses its members through the Corresponding Secretary, and not through the Stated Clerk. Adopted.

2. *Miami Classis* reverses and annuls the action of the Consistory and Congregation of the German Reformed Congregation of Dayton, without their consent.

This item, together with sundry documents, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of G. Wolff, J. Rebaugh, F. W. Dechant, C. Meyers, and J. Kroh.

This Committee made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the Dayton difficulties, would offer the following report:

The Committee carefully examined the documents placed in their hands, and find that they are from one party. Your Committee is of the opinion that no final action can be taken by this body to satisfy all parties. Hence, your committee would recommend that a committee be appointed by Synod, with plenary power to settle all difficulties in said Congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WOLFF,
F. W. DECHANT,
CONRAD MEYERS.

This committee consists of J. Rebaugh, D. Kemmerer, R. R. Salter, J. Oldfather, and Henry Bates.

3. *Sandusky Classis* notices the requests which Synod refered down to the Classes, without taking any action upon the most of them. Adopted.

4. *Lancaster Classis* confirms the call of the Delaware Charge to the Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock, when the call itself is declared to be informal. Adopted.

5. *Columbiana Classis* confirms the call of Mr. M. A. Stewart to the Springfield Charge, when Rev. J. Englebach was in said Charge, without making a division of said Charge, or providing for the licensure and ordination of the person elect. Laid on the table.

6. *Columbiana, Tiffin, and Sandusky Classis* have failed to furnish along with their statistics, a report of the contributions raised for the different benevolent objects within their respective bounds.

The attention of the Classis was called to their delinquency in this respect.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

1. *Miami Classis* requests Synod to appoint a general agent to explore our missionary field, to supply vacant churches, to collect funds, point out suitable places for young ministers and others who may wish to labor in the missionary field.

This item was referred to the special Committee on the Minutes of the Triennial Convention. For their report see under head of "Triennial Convention."

2. *Tiffin Classis* requests Synod to authorize the Faculty of our Institutions conjointly with the officers of Synod, under its authority to send out an agent or commissioner, or several to Europe, whenever the way may be open to do so, for the purpose of opening correspondence with the Reformed Churches on the Continent, collecting funds for our Institutions, &c., provided the expenses of such commission be first secured.

This item was referred to the same Committee.

3. *The Indiana Classis* requests Synod to separate the Editorship of the Missionary from the Professorship of Mathematics in Heidelberg College.

This item was laid upon the table until the report of the Committee on Publication be made.

4. *North German Classis* has appointed Rev. D. Kemmerer, Commissioner to this Body, to present the action of said Classis.

This item was referred to a special Committee of one from each Classis, to take into consideration the subject of the German Classis. The Committee consists of G. Long, F. W. Dechant, George Wolff, P. C. Prugh, J. C. Klar, D. Kemmerer, P. K. Zacharias and J. Kroh.

This Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee to whom were referred the overtures of the Northern German Classis to this Synod, would respectfully submit the following Report:

WHEREAS, The "Proviso" proposed to the Classes for adoption did not meet with the approbation of the constitutional number of the Classes of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, and,

WHEREAS, The present aspect of things threatens the organization of a new Synod, which would prove detrimental to the interests of the Church, and

WHEREAS, The North German Classis is willing to stand in regular connexion with the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, provided the existing Columbiana Classis dissolve its present organization, and they have the permission to occupy the Territory the Columbiana Classis now occupies. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Synod request Columbiana Classis to dissolve its present organization.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of Columbiana Classis, in case they dissolve their organization, be permitted to connect with the neighboring Classis, or North German Classis, as they may prefer.

3. *Resolved*, That in case the aforesaid dissolution of Columbiana Classis be consummated, this Synod authorizes the organization of a new Classis upon that part of the territory occupied by the present membership of the North German Classis.

Resolved, That the Ministers of the proposed Classis who will connect themselves with it, and who live within the bounds of other Classis, be requested, as soon as they can see their way clear, to connect themselves with the Classis within whose bound their charges may be situated.

III.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

1. THE PROVISO WITH RESPECT TO GERMAN CLASSIS.

Miami Classis postponed all action indefinitely upon the subject. Lancaster Classis opposes the adoption of the Proviso, but is willing to submit to it as a temporary arrangement. Columbiana and Westmoreland Classis reject it. Clarion Classis concurs in the Proviso, provided that it effect only that portion of Territory bounded by the State line of Ohio. Sandusky, Tiffin, and St. Joseph, concur in the Proviso.

2.—*The Purchase of a Printing Press.*

The Miami, Lancaster, Clarion, Westmoreland, and St. Joseph Classis, have decided that the purchase of a printing press, as the property of Synod, is inexpedient. Columbiana Classis does not deem it necessary at this time to purchase a press. Tiffin Classis is in favor of it. Sandusky and Indiania Classis sees the importance of the purchase of a press, but will not enter into any obligations, under existing circumstances.

3.—*The Change of the Time of the Meeting of Synod.*

Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Tiffin, St. Joseph and Columbiana Classis, favor a change; whilst Miami and Clarion Classis oppose a change.

4. Miami, Lancaster, and Tiffin Classis, have noticed the request of Synod, respecting the appointment of only such delegates as will remain until the close of its sessions.

5 Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Tiffin Classes, have noticed the request of Synod, respecting the importance of paying punctually the apportionment of Synod.

6. Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Tiffin Classes, have noticed the request of Synod, to devise some way to increase the candidates for the gospel ministry.

7. Miami, Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Tiffin Classes, have complied with the request of Synod, to make provision for the immediate use of the Seminary.

IV.—Receptions and Dismissions of Ministers.

Miami Classis received Rev. S. Philips from the Md. Classis of the Synod of N. A., and the Rev. H. K. Baines from the Tiffin Classis of the Synod of Ohio: and dismissed Rev. F. P. Beidler to the Michigan Classis of the Reformed Dutch Church, and Rev. J. H. Buser, and Rev. J. C. Henneman, to the Lancaster Classis; Rev. D. G. Philips to the St. Joseph Classis; Rev. A. P. Freese to the Md. Classis; Rev. A. G. Dole to the Susquehanna Classis; and Rev. S. Philips to the Mercerburg Classis, of the Synod of N. A.

Lancaster Classis received Rev. J. B. Thompson and Rev. J. Pence from the Tiffin Classis, the Rev. J. H. Buser and Rev. J. C. Henneman from the Miami Classis; licensed and ordained W. D. C. Rodrock, and licensed J. Klingler; and erased the name of the Rev. S. Jacobs from the list of its ministers.

Tiffin Classis licensed F. Bauman; licensed and ordained Augustus Muehlmeir; ordained P. Meis and J. H. Rutenick; received Rev. S. S. Rickley from the Classis of Lancaster; and dismissed Rev. J. Pence to the Lancaster Classis, and Rev. H. K. Baines to the Miami Classis.

St. Joseph Classis ordained the licentiate E. Spangler, and dismissed the Rev. Peter Houck to the Fort Wayne Presb. of the O. S. Pres. Church.

Indiana Classis received Rev. A. Carrol from the North German Classis, and the Rev. Mr. Kuester from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Indiana.

Resolved, That the action of Indiana Classis in the case of Rev. Kuester, be approved.

V.—Annual Meetings of the Classes for 1854.

Miami Classis meets in Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, on Friday, before the last Sabbath of May, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. P. C. Prugh, President; and Rev. W. K. Zieber, Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 72 copies of the Minutes of Synod, in English; and 10 in the German language.

Lancaster Classis meets in Delaware, Ohio, on the last Thursday in October, 1853, at early candle light. Rev. George W. Williard, President; Rev. I. S. Weiss, Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 32 copies of the Minutes of Synod, in English; and 18 in German.

Westmoreland Classis meets at Ligonier, Pa., on the second Thursday in November, 1853, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. C. F. Hoffmeir, President; Rev. S. H. Giesy, Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 64 English copies of the Minutes of Synod, and 50 German.

Sandusky Classis meets at Richville, Stark County, Ohio, on the first Saturday in May, 1854. Rev. S. B. Leiter, President; Rev. J. C. Klar, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis meets in Upper Sandusky, Wyandot County, on the first Thursday in April, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. V. Gerhart, President; Rev. E. Good, Stated Clerk.

St. Joseph Classis meets in Colon, St. Joseph County, Michigan, on the last Thursday before the full moon of January, 1854. Rev. A. J. Ratan, President; Rev. Wm. M. Reed, Stated Clerk.

Clarion Classis meets in Trinity Church, Redband, Clarion County, Pa., on the first Friday of June, 1854. Rev. H. Hoffman, President; Rev. H. F. Hartman, Secretary. This Classis desires 120 English copies of the Minutes of Synod, and 76 in German. This Classis requests the Minutes to be sent by mail to each minister.

Columbiana Classis meets at Uniontown, Stark County, Ohio, on the third Saturday of May, 1854, at 8 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. P. Mahnenschmit, President; Rev. A. Wanner, Stated Clerk. This Classis desires 26 copies of the Minutes of Synod in English, and 6 in German.

Indiana Classis meets in Poland, Clay County, Indiana, the second Friday after Easter, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. G. H. Zumpe, President; Rev. C. Kuss, Stated Clerk. This Classis desire 4 copies of the Minutes of Synod, in the German language.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Missions, made a report which was received and adopted, as follows:

The Report of the Committee on Missions, will embrace the Domestic and Foreign fields.

Our suggestions on Domestic Missions, we are obliged to offer in the absence of the annual report of the Board, which it is said, has not had a regular meeting during the year. The Treasurer of the Board has not furnished a statement of the moneys received and disbursed, so that we are unable to specify the Stations that have been aided, or the amount given to each. The absence of this information will preclude the preparation of the historical account of the missionary operations of this Synod, since its last meeting, a summa-

ry of which ought to be embodied in its Minutes each year, as a record for the future, of the labors and sacrifices of this generation, for the upbuilding of our Church in the West. Justice to brethren who are toiling and enduring hardships in destitute charges, requires the remark, that no report however full, can give a tithe of the trials and labors encountered by ministers, who receive no pecuniary aid from the Board, in feeble congregations that bear a missionary character in every respect but the name. The distance in miles traversed between distant preaching points, the number of sermons regularly delivered on Sunday and during the week, the visits to the sick and dying, to the anxious and afflicted, the economy, industry, and management necessary to eke out a small salary received from a poor but willing people, ought all to be enumerated and amplified to spread any thing like a life-like and truthful picture before the mind.

Much however, as has been done, for the extension of the German Reformed Church within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio, we think that we can see a way in which more might have been accomplished. With due deference to respected brethren, yet with fidelity to this sacred cause, we would state that the Board of Domestic Missions must take the lead in urging the wants and claims of this field on the attention of the Church. At least two meetings of the Board should be held during the year, of which due notice should be given, that all the members may have an opportunity to attend, and needy pastors or destitute charges or neighborhoods to present their applications. The Executive Committee ought to convene as often as there is occasion, even if it be every week, that all business within their jurisdiction may be transacted with dispatch. Regular Commissions should be placed in the hands of each Missionary receiving a salary from the Board, requiring quarterly reports, which if containing items of general interest, ought to be spread before the Church, to deepen still more its sympathy with the devoted Missionary in his work. Circulars should be sent to the respective Classes at their stated meetings, detailing the condition of the Treasury, and the openings which demand speedy occupation, that a new impulse may be given to the missionary spirit

in these ecclesiastical assemblies. And the funds should be appropriated only after a careful survey of the field, and to those Stations which are most deserving, and which promise soonest to become self-supporting or most useful. These measures, it is believed, would impart more system and greater energy to the operations of the Board, would inspire a higher degree of confidence in its plans throughout the Church generally, and add two-fold to its efficiency and respectability.

On the part of the Classes, a hearty and universal co-operation is needed to carry out the plans of the Board, matured on the basis of a more extended information that they possess, and projected for the advancement of the general interests of the denomination. A treasurer and general superintendent, in the same person, might be appointed in each Classis, through whom all moneys might be transmitted; whose business it might be to stir up delinquent pastors by letters, or to visit backward charges with their consent, to present this subject, and to collect on its behalf. Each pastor, in addition, might be interrogated at the Stated Meetings of Classis, as to what he has done for this cause,—that he may be reminded of his duty, and provoked to good works.

Pastors and Consistories, however, are the persons on whose support the Board of Domestic Missions chiefly depends for its success. It has been computed that there are one hundred pastoral charges which might annually contribute twenty five dollars, which would throw an amount of two thousand five hundred dollars into the treasury. Some of the feeblest charges in the West have contributed that amount within the year. It is not unreasonable to expect that this sum should be collected by each settled pastor. The great evil in our present system of collections, is that a great many pastoral charges do not give one dollar to this object. A few charges, hitherto have borne the chief burden of this work, accomplishing what little has been done in years past, in this direction. What is wanted, is not an oppressive taxation of liberal congregations, but a co-operation on the part of delinquent congregations, by doing the same as their brethren,

which is a proportion not beyond their ability. A failure on the part of so many pastors to take their share in this benevolent enterprise, has kept this treasury in an impoverished condition. This, we are persuaded, is the explanation of the small sums that have annually been reported by our treasurer. And we trust that every pastor, together with his Consistory, will look at the grand result, so easily attainable by a general movement in our denomination, and go forward in collecting funds until his quota has been furnished.

Could anything like the sum named in this report be obtained, there are most promising fields in North Western Ohio, in Michigan, in Indiana, and Illinois, where abundant materials exist, and numerous pastoral charges could be organized. There are a number of ministerial brethren now in these regions, who are subjected to the privations of poverty, who ought to receive pecuniary aid, to provide those comforts for their families to which every laborer in the Lord's vineyard is entitled Unless some of these brethren are relieved from the onerous pressure of their straitened circumstances, some of them it is to be feared, will be driven from their arduous posts. At various points in the vicinity of these pioneer Stations, there are settlements rapidly filling up by emigration, and growing in importance, composed in a great measure of German Reformed families, that ought to be cared for by our Church, not only when we consider the worth of their souls, but the valuable accessions which they would furnish in future years to our communion. We have been informed by one of our brethren on the frontiers of our Church, that he has traveled through ten contiguous counties in Indiana and Michigan, where there are scarcely any ministers of the gospel, of evangelical denominations, so that the great mass of the population within those limits are in a neglected condition, and appeal loudly to the religious benevolence and sympathies of all true Christians. Explorations in other regions, we doubt not, would disclose a similar state of things in the interior of all the States lying west of Ohio, affording abundant encouragement for the commencement of Missionary operations among them.

"And O may we repay this debt
To regions solitary yet
  Within our spreading land!
There brethren, from our common home
Still Westward, like our fathers, roam,
  Still guided by Thy hand."

Recent events have shown that at this time there are several openings for the missionaries of our Church, in the rapidly growing cities on the Lake shore; Milwaukie, Chicago, Toledo, Sandusky, and Cleveland,—and in the city of Pittsburg, within the bounds of this Synod. Let these places be neglected for a few years longer, and the door will be closed. The inability of the Eastern Board, on account of the number of enterprises on hand, to extend the sphere of its operations, or at least to hold out the promise of help, should rouse the ministers of this Synod to the determination not to look to others, but to do their own work. We think the purpose should be formed in this meeting, to take collections in each pastoral charge, to replenish the Treasury, and to plant forthwith a minister of our Church in each of the important commercial and moral centers enumerated. This will demand money, and that can be had if the suggestions offered only be carried out. The Western Synod has only to take hold of this work, with the vigor and energy displayed in the endowment of its Institutions, and it will be done.

In regard to Foreign Missions, we would observe that the Rev. Benjamin Schneider, of Aintab, Syria, in the Turkish dominions, is worthy of the confidence of our Church, and that his Station is one of the most prosperous in the missionary field abroad. The gifts of the Western Synod have been withheld from this object. We think that the time has arrived when this subject should be introduced to the notice of our people. Interest in this work abroad, we believe, will deepen interest in the work at home. The exercise of liberality will not diminish, but increase the donations to the Lord's cause. The reflex influence of foreign missions, as seen in the history of those religious denominations who have given their pecuniary means, and their sons and daughters, most freely and generously to this noble

work, has promoted their growth in piety at home, and has not abated but augmented their exertions to build up the Church and its kindred Institutions in our own land. A few hundred dollars each year, from this Synod, would, together with the contributions of the Eastern Church, accomplish a very desirable end, the entire support of the Rev. Mr. Schneider and family, by the German Reformed Church.

In conclusion, your Committee would offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all our ministers to establish the Monthly Concert of Prayer, in their pastoral charges.

2. *Resolved*, That collections be taken up for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

3. *Resolved*, That it be most earnestly and urgently recommended to each pastor, to take up collections, without fail, during each year, for Domestic Missions, to the amount, if possible, of not less than twenty five dollars. JOHN F. MESICK, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to make out a report of their operations during the year, and to transmit the same to the Stated Clerk for insertion in the Minutes:

Report of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Synod of Ohio, of the German Reformed Church, up to the Synod at Neriah, Michigan, 1853.

1. The Board has been paying $125, per year, to the Cin. Station, which has all been paid up to May 1, 1853, and since that time no appropriation by the Board has been made, so that the new Board can act as it sees proper in the case.

2. The Indianapolis Station received $100, for last year, up to January 1, 1853. The Board has appropriated $50 to the same this year, none of which is paid.

3. The Board has appropriated the following sums for the current year:

(A) $50 to the Port Jefferson Charge (though it has no Pastor as yet.) (B) $50 to the Hamilton and Rossville Station (I believe it is not supplied.) (C) $50 to the Indianapolis Station (this amount is not yet paid.) (D) $50 to Brown County Mission, from June 1, 1853 (none of this paid.) (E) $25 to Rev. J. Stoneberger (this is paid.)

So that the liability of the Board in appropriations unpaid, would be $200; of this, Port Jefferson, and Hamilton and Rossville, may not be demanded this year, there would only be $100 debt, and from the Treasurer's report, the Church will see how able the Board will be to meet it. In this, the Cin. Mission is not included for the present year.

D. WINTERS,

Recording Sec'y of the Dom. Board of Missions.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 17, 1853.

WM. HOEY, *Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions, in account with the Board of Missions.*

1852.						Dr.
		To balance on hand				$61 92
August 27.	Rec'd.	F. Wahl, Thompson Charge				5 25
" "	"	C. H. Huff, Summit "				12 00
Novem. 12.	"	A. Wanner				3 00
" "	"	Donation				25
1853.						
Received from		N. E. Gilds, Carollton Charge				3 00
"	"	A. G. Dole, Fairfield "				8 00
"	"	N. E. Gilds, Jefferson Cong.				3 65
"	"	H. J. Rahauser, Esq.				2 00
"	"	A. Wanner, Washington Cong.				1 00
"	"	Columbiana Classis				6 17
"	"	Calcutta Congregation				1 93
"	"	P. J. Spangler, Union Congregation				2 50
April 6.	Rec'd of Rev. D. Winters, collected from the following Congregations:					
"	Hawkers Congregations				$62 26	
"	Mount Zion "				42 84	
"	Zions "				40 33	
"	David's "				39 57	
						$185 00

April 16.	Received of W. K. Zieber, Miamisburg Congregation,..				3 00
May 24.	"	Clayton Congregation, Miami co.....			12 00
" "	"	Tiffin Congregation			5 00
" "	"	F. Wahl's Charge			6 50
" "	"	Mrs Ball, of Wooster.....			50
" "	"	Collected at Wooster, during Synod.....			10 00
" "	"	Rev. J. G Zahner			2 00
" "	"	J. W. Hamm.....			1 00
" "	"	Akron Congregation.....			2 70
" "	"	Rev. S. H. Geisy			50
" "	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia Charge.....			25 41
" "	"	Ministers and Elders of Miami Classis, contributed at the Meeting of Classis, at Clayton, Ohio :			
" "	"	Rev. J. Baumunk.....	$1 00		
" "	"	" J. Kercher	3 00		
" "	"	" P. O. Prugh.....	5 00		
" "	"	" J. Rike.....	6 00		
" "	"	" H. Rust.....	3 00		
" "	"	" J. Stonberger.....	1 00		
" "	"	" J. Vogt	5 00		
" "	"	" T. H. Winters.....	5 00		
" "	"	" W. K. Zieber	2 00		
1852.					
Sept. 18.	Received Order "	J. Rust	31 25		
Nov. 26.	" " "	G. Long	25 00		
1853.		Postage...		06	
Jan. 3.	" " "	H. Rust.....	31 25		
April 5.	" " "	George Long.....	25 00		
" 6.	Appropriated by Mt. Zion Charge, and forwarded by Rev. David Winters			105 00	
" "	Uncurrent funds.....			7 00	
May 19.	Received Order Rev. H. Rust		31 25		
" 20.	" " "	William M. Reed.....	10 00		
" "	" " "	A. J. Rutan.....	10 00		
" 23.	" " "	J Stoneberger	25 00		
" "	" " "	Joseph Miller	25 00		
" "	" " "	H. Rust....	30 25		
June 16,	" " "	George W. Williard, for Columbus Church		215 87	
" "		Postage		06	
" "	Paid Rev. George Long, by Basel Charge.....			10 00	
				$582 99	
	Received of Elder M. Boots		1 00		
	" "	H. Drayer.....	5 00		
	" "	G. Foust	3 00		
	" "	N. Jacoby.....	5 00		
	" "	S. Koogler.....	3 00		
	" "	J. Oldfather.....	5 00		
	" "	J. Prugh	1 00		
	" "	M. Sherer.....	1 00		
	" "	P. Pence.....	1 00		
	" "	H. Sommerkamp	2 00		
	" "	C. Losh	1 00		
	" "	J. Ketteman	1 00		
					$64 00

June 1.	Jacob Kroh, from P. Bricker, Sandusky			4 50
	Tiffin Charge			2 50
" 15.	M. Hary, Galion, Ohio			4 00
" 18.	J. T. Blain, Basel Charge appropriated to Indianapolis and Elkhart Stations			20 00
	J. T. Blain col, from Lancaster Classis, Rev. G. W. Williard	13 00		
	Rev. J. B. Thompson	2 92		
	" H. Williard	46 57		
	" I. S. Weisz	80 05		
	" John Penes	14 38		
	" J. H. Buser	7 00		
	" George Weisz	13 95		
	" F. W. Dechant	31 00		
	" J. N. A. Shaffer	3 00		
	" H. Williard, (self)	10 00		
	" J. Weaver	6 98		
		$228 12		
	Less $6 25 returned to Rev. J. Weaver. $6 00, Beneficiary Education, by order of Classis	12 25		
				$205 87
Sept. 26. 1853.	Rev. H. K. Baines, Union Congregation, Fairfield County			7 50
Sept. 26.	To amount brought up			682 65
	By amount paid out			582 99
	Balance due the Board of Dom. Miss. up to Sept. 26, 1853.			$99 66

WILLIAM HOFF, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE XI.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Heidelberg College made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Heidelberg College, beg leave to report that no documents whatever have been put into their hands, and therefore do not feel at liberty to draw up a report, having no facts before them in a proper form upon which it is to be based.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN RIKE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

Mr. George Weber, from Illinois, made application to Synod for licensure and ordination as a missionary.

This application was referred to the Standing Committee, which made the following report:

The Committee on Examination, &c., beg leave to report that they have examined the applicant, Mr. George Weber, on Theology, Church History, and the purity of his motives in desiring the ministry. This examination proved highly satisfactory to the Committee. He is therefore recommended to Synod, for licensure and ordination as a Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ,
N. E. GILDS,
J. H. GOOD.

Resolved, That Bro. Weber be ordained on Sabbath evening, and that Messrs. G. Long, J. Rike, and D. Kroh, be the Committee on Ordination.

Resolved, That Bro. Weber be directed to connect himself with the Classis of Illinois, so soon as the same shall be ready for organization, and that in the mean time he be a member of the Classis of St. Joseph.

ARTICLE XIII.

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the Triennial Convention, held at Columbus, Ohio, in September 1853, were laid before Synod. They were received and referred to a special Committee, consisting of I. S. Weisz, H. Rust, J. Hassler, J. Kroh, and Jesse Prugh.

This Committee presented a report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the Triennal Convention, beg leave respectfully to report.

Item 1, page 73.—A resolution that we call the attention of the Synod to a closer alliance between the Churches referred to, by opening a correspondence with the Reformed Churches of Europe.

Item 2, page 73.—A resolution that the Synod be requested to consider the propriety and importance of sending a delegate to the Reformed Churches of Europe, to present the condition and wants of our Church in America.

Item 3, page 78.—A resolution that it be respectfully recommended to the Synod, to take into consideration the expediency and importance of so modifying the Constitution of our Church, as to call into existence a higher judicatory.

Item 4, page 78.—A reference to Synod of the propriety of appointing a Superintendent of Missions.

Item 5.—The appointing of a Committee or Board of Church Extension, whose duty shall be,

(A) To advise feeble congregations in the erection of their Churches, and see that the deeds and charters framed, are according to law, and the Constitution of the Church.

(B) To recommend such collectors and enterprises only to the liberality of the Church, as deserve confidence, so that those who have no recommendation from the Committee, shall not be admitted into our Congregations.

(C) To adopt some plan by which to secure a church building fund.

(D) To take such funds under their care as accrue from the sale of church properties belonging to our denomination.

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

The above report was on motion referred to a special Committee of five, with instructions to report such action as in their judgment it is necessary for this Synod to take in this matter.

The Committee consisted of G. W. Willard, G. Wolff, H. Rust, J. Oldfather, and J. F. Kitson.

This Committee made a report, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the documents of the Triennial Convention, together with the requests of the Miami and Tiffin Classis, would submit the following as their report:

1. As it respects the bringing about of a closer alliance between the German Reformed Church of America, and the Reformed Churches on the Continent of Europe, your Committee would remark that they consider the subject one of great importance, and worthy of the serious consideration of this Synod. It is well known that the Reformed churches in the Old World have a very limited knowledge of the condition and wants of their brethren in America, and of their relation to the Lutheran church. Our vast missionary field, together with the want of men and means to occupy it, is in a great measure unknown. It is doubtless for this reason that they have not manifested more interest in our denomination than they have thus far done. They have also educated and supported more Lutheran than Reformed ministers; especially has this been the case with the Reformed church in Germany. This, it is natural to suppose, would not have been done, had their sympathies been awakened by a proper knowledge of our true state and condition.

Again: The different Reformed churches of Europe have taken, as it were, a new start since the revolutions of 1848. The Reformed Church of Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland and Hungary have, for instance, within the last few years, taken measures to unite and cement in closer ties the relations that have hitherto existed between them. Several interesting and instructive papers have been started, advocating almost exclusively the claims of the Reformed Church; and a call has already been made upon all those who are found in its communion to furnish such information as may be calculated to awaken a new interest and life among the different portions of this part of the church of Christ.

In view of these facts your Committee would suggest the following resolutions as meeting the wants of the case:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod sees and feels the importance and propriety of taking measures to effect a closer alliance between the Reformed churches of Europe and the Reformed church of America.

Resolved, 2 That our delegate to the Eastern Synod be instructed to lay this subject before that reverend body, and to express our willingness to co-operate in any measure which may be devised to effect this desirable end, and that this Synod is willing to bear one-third of the expenses.

2. As it respects the appointment of a general agent or superintendent of missions, your committee likewise feel the vast importance of the subject. No subject, indeed, can be said to be of more importance to us as a church at this time than that of missions. It should lie near and dear to every friend of our beloved Zion. That much has already been done in this respect is a fact that is generally admitted. Many waste places have been supplied with the means of grace, and the hearts of brethren cheered and made glad by the visits of our missionaries. But true as all this, it is a fact that is equally apparent that much more might be done to carry forward our missionary operations, if only the resources of our church can be reached and brought out. In the opinion of your Committee the appointment of a superintendent of missions, whose duty, among other things, it shall be, to visit different portions of the church for the purpose of increasing our contributions to this desirable object, explore destitute regions of the church, and encourage our brethren in their destitution, collect and organize charges, provide for the settlement of ministers in the charges thus formed, and to co-operate in various ways with the Board, would be calculated greatly to advance our missionary operations. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the appointment of such a superintendent of missions.

As respects the appointment of a Committee or Board of Church Extension, your committee would suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod appoint eight persons, who shall constitute this Board, with power such as that specified in the action of the Triennial Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WILLIARD,
GEO. WOLFF,
H. RUST,
J. OLDFATHER,
J. F. KITSON.

The election of Superintendent of Missions resulted unanimously in favor of Rev. JOHN REBOUGH, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That if the Superintendent elect shall not see his way clear to accept the office, then the Board of Missions shall have power to elect another one.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be directed to extend to him a call on behalf of Synod, and that said Board have power to fix his salary.

Synod elected the following as the Board of Church Extension: H. Shaull, J. H. Good, E. V. Gerhart, M. Stern, J. S. Weisz, G. W. Williard, J. T. Blain and Judge J. Stuckey.

Resolved, That the moneys received from the Mansfield church shall be placed in the hands of the Board of Church Extension, to be loaned to feeble churches at 6 per cent., in trust, to be repaid whenever needed for a church enterprise in Mansfield.

The following four resolutions, with reference to the third item in the report of the committee on the Triennial Convention, were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod feels cordially favorable to the plan of a closer union with the Synod of the United States in the form of a common higher Judicatory, and is ready to enter at once upon the necessary arrangements to effect this highly desirable end.

2. To this end this Synod feels favorable to the following, as the leading elements of the change to be effected:

(1). The higher Judicatory to be a delegate body from the whole church, through the Classes, and to be styled the "General Assembly of the German Reformed Church of America."

(2). The Classes to remain as at present.

(3). The present Synods to be sub-divided as the General Assembly shall determine, two or three Classes to be sufficient to constitute a Synod, and said Synods to be general Synods for the districts which they shall embrace.

3. Inasmuch as such an arrangement involves great and important changes, both in the constitution and judicatories of the church, and should be consummated with the greatest carefulness and judgment,

Resolved, That this Synod request the Synods in the United States to convene in the city of Philadelphia to unite with this Synod in the appointment of a committee on the part of each body, who shall hold one joint meeting before the Synodical meetings of 1854, and whose duty it shall be to report definitely all alterations and amendments that shall be necessary in the constitution, rules and customs of the church. And that these alterations be then referred to the two Synods for adoption or rejection as a whole by the Synods, and for reference to the Classes for adoption.

Resolved, That the above committee shall consist of seven, four ministers and three elders.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Standing Committee on Synodical Minutes reported. Their report was received, considered item by item, and adopted, as follows:

1. Page 36. A resolution requesting the Ministers of the Synod of Ohio to make special efforts to collect books for the Seminary Library.

This item was laid on the table until the reception of the report on the Library.

2. Page 36. A request of Synod to the different Classes, to devise suitable means for the increase of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

Resolved, That the request be renewed.

3. Page 36. Synod requests all the Ministers in its connection to hold special collections for the immediate use of the Seminary.

Resolved, That the request be renewed.

4. Page 48. A resolution requesting the Classes to take into consideration the propriety of purchasing a Printing Press.

Attended to by the Classes.

5. Page 63. A resolution requesting to take into consideration the propriety of changing the meetings of Synod from the Fall to the Spring of the year.

Attended to by the Classes.

6. Page 64. Synod affectionately request the Classes to select such delegates to Synod, as are willing to remain until all business claiming the attention of Synod, has been disposed of.

Attended to by the Classes.

7. Page 64. A Committee appointed to settle with Rev. G. Schlosser, former Stated Clerk of this Body.

This Committee reported. The report was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee, appointed at the last meeting of Synod, held at Wooster, Ohio, to effect a settlement with the Rev. George Schlosser, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary; beg leave respectfully to report, as follows, viz:

Your Committee have been carrying forward a correspondence with the Rev. Mr. Schlosser; by which we have learned that he has most positively and unequivocally refused to pay the Plainfield Bond, or any interest on it, which he executed at a meeting of this Synod, held in Columbus, in the fall of 1846, to the Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, because as he affirms, that bond was given under the condition that the whole Synod would immediately upon the adjournment of that Session, move forward in locating and endowing a Western Seminary without any further delay, and that those bonds given at that time, should be but the commencement of the movement which the Church was then to carry forward immediately. Synod having failed to carry forward this enterprise for four years; and Mr. Schlosser having given notice to Synod through a resolution of the Columbiana Classis, and also personally, at a meeting of this Synod, held at Carrollton, in the fall of 1847, that the conditions upon which he gave his bond, not having been complied with, he considered himself released from all moral and legal obligations to pay it; and that he would therefore neither

pay the principal, nor any interest accruing thereon. He therefore, upon this ground, demanded of your Committee, to deliver said bond to him. Your Committee after having fully canvassed the whole subject, and after having taken into consideration the fact that Rev. Mr. Schlosser had left our communion before Synod had taken efficient measures to carry forward the enterprise of endowing a Western Theological Seminary, thought that in equity we ought to comply with his request, and hence instructed the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to forward Mr. Schlosser the bond in question, and account for it accordingly in his report to the Synod through the Board.

With regard to the other two notes of hand transferred to the Board by the Messrs. Baughmans; Mr. Schlosser acknowledges the justness of these claims, and avows his full intention to pay them, just so soon as he shall be able to command the means. But not being able to pay them both, at present, he proposed to your Committee to cash the smaller one, and execute to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, his Plainfield Bond for the amount (interest included) of the larger one.

Your Committee also acceded to this proposition, and informed Mr. Schlosser to write to Mr. Blain, the Treasurer, who held the papers accordingly. He did so. Your Committee thereupon authorized the Treasurer, that upon the receipt of the money for the smaller note, to transfer to Mr. Schlosser a blank, containing the amount of the larger notes, including the interest, from the time the notes were transferred, to the present, to enable him to execute his Plainfield Bond to the Board for its amount. And that so soon as he was in possession of this bond, to transmit this said note to Mr. Schlosser.

Your Committee are not prepared to say whether this arrangement has been yet fully carried out between Mr. Schlosser and the Treasurer, but supposes that Synod will learn from the Treasurer's report to this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. SHAULL, *Chairman.*

8. A committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of preparing and publishing one or more tracts.

This item was laid on the table, as no report was at hand from the committee. [It was subsequently resolved that the committee be continued for another year.]

9. The appointment of Rev. G. W. Williard as delegate to the Eastern Synod.

The delegate reported. This report was received and adopted, as follows:

The undersigned would respectfully submit the following report as the delegate to the Eastern Synod:

That he attended the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States at its last annual meeting in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and was present during its entire session. Your delegate was kindly and affectionately received. The different items of business which were presented to that body received due and proper attention. It affords your delegate great pleasure in being able to say that the kindest feelings exist in the Eastern Synod towards this portion of our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. W. WILLIARD.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasury for twenty dollars, being the one-half of the expenses of the delegate to the Eastern Synod.

10. A committee, appointed to attend to the claim of the Reformed Church to a lot of ground in Mansfield.

The committee reported. Their report was received and adopted as follows:

Your committee would respectfully report, that the following action was had on the part of your committee, in connection with the proper officers of the Lutheran congregation at Mansfield. Believing it expedient, under existing circumstances, to dispose of the church property thus held in joint occupancy, at public sale, the same was duly advertised and sold on the 30th of October, 1853, on the premises, for $233. A deed of conveyance was accordingly executed by the committee to the purchasers.

The conditions of the sale are: one-third of the purchase money in hand, one-third in one year, and the remainder at the expiration of thirteen months, with interest from the day of sale. Your committee found it necessary also to pay to the Trustees of the Lutheran church

$5,37½ expenditures for repairs. previous to said sale, together with crier's fees. The receipt for which, together with the notes of the two last payments, and also the first payment, of $33,46, are hereby submitted to your honorable body.

ADAM STUMP,
DAVID WISE.

11. A committee appointed to co-operate with a similar committee of the Eastern Synod, relative to the Liturgy.

This committee reported. The report was received and adopted, as follows:

At the meeting of the last Synod held at Wooster, a standing committee was appointed to confer and co-operate with the committee on the Liturgy of the Eastern Synod, in order that by the two committees a suitable Liturgy may be prepared for the whole German Reformed Church. This committee would respectfully report that they have endeavored to carry out the object of their appointment, as far as this could be done by correspondence. The Eastern committee has been diligently engaged for the last two years in the difficult work of preparing forms for the various offices of the church, particular parts of the Liturgy having been assigned to particular members. They have requested the Western committee to make similar contributions to the proposed work. A meeting will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, about the first of January next, for the purpose of submitting all the manuscripts and of determining the contents of the book that it is designed to publish as soon as possible. The committee of the Synod of Ohio has been solicited to attend this meeting, in order that the Liturgy may be issued under the formal sanction of both Synods. Such a work will be published as a *specimen Liturgy*, for the careful examination and a fair trial of the whole church for the period at least of two or three years. By the expiration of that time it is believed such modifications, improvements and additions can be suggested as will enable the committees to adapt the work to the views and wants of all portions of the church, and thus secure its unanimous and cordial adoption.

In October, 1852, the Eastern committee presented a report to the Synod of North America, which was adopted, setting forth the plan and principles upon which the new Liturgy is to be constructed. In

order that the two committees may have a common basis for harmonious and efficient co-operation, laid down by both the highest judicatories, your committee proposes to this Synod to adopt the same Report, which will be found on page 82, of the "Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States at Baltimore, Maryland, October, 1852."

Respectfully submitted, E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

The yeas and nays being called upon the adoption of the report, resulted as follows:

YEAS—W. K. Zieber, P. C. Prugh, J. Rike, G. W. Williard, I. S. Weisz, G. Wolff, D. Kemmerer, G. Long, F. W. Dechant, J. Oldfather, S. Loucks, Jacob Kroh, C. Meyers, J. Bunn and P. K. Zacharias.

NAYS—H. Shaull, W. M. Reed, R. R. Selter, J. F. Kitson.

NON LIQUET—J. C. Klar, J. H. Good, Jesse Prugh.

Resolved, That Rev. I. S. Weisz be added to the committee on the Liturgy, and that he be directed to confer with the Eastern Committee, and further that the committee have authority to have a representative at the meeting of the committee in January, if necessary.

12. Page 29. Is a committee appointed to ordain the licentiate, J. C. Klar.

The duty was attended to.

13. Is a committee appointed to ordain the licentiate, H. A. Winters.

The duty was attended to.

Respectfully submitted. W. M. REED, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

ELECTIONS.

The standing committee on Nominations reported. Their report was received and adopted. Synod proceeded to ballot for the respective offices, with the following result:

1.—*Delegates to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. I. S. WEISZ, *Primarius.* Rev. H. HOFFMAN, *Secundus.*

2.—*Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. J. H. Good, Sylvanus Arnold,
L. Baltzell, Dennis Cramer,
J. W. Wilson, Esq.

3.—*Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. Winters, Rev. I. S. Weiss,
Rev. G. W. Williard, Jacob Kroh,
George Stump, J. T. Blain,
J. Roger.

4.—*Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. R. R. Salters, Rev. R. Good,
Jacob Bunn, Esq., George Swigart,
P. Heilman.

5.—*Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. S. B. Leiter, Rev. J. C. Klar,
Jacob Kroh, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
Jacob Holtz.

6.—*Board of Education.*

Rev. G. W. Williard, Rev. E. V. Gerhart,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. I. S. Weiss,
J. T. Blain.

7.—*Board of Missions.*

Rev. W. K. Zieber, Rev. J. Rike,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Wm. Hoff, Esq.,
J. Oldfather.

8.—*Board of Publication.*

Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. I. S. Weiss,
Rev. T. H. Winters, J. T. Blain,
Dr. G. W. Mark.

9.—*Delegate to the "Evangliesche Kirchenverein."*

Rev. D. Kemmerer, *Primarius.* Rev. H. Rust, *Secundus.*

ARTICLE XVI.

EDUCATION.

In behalf of the Board of Education, Prof. E. V. Gerhart made a report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education, Synod of Ohio, German Reformed Church.*

1852.			Dr.
Jan. 16.	To cash from	Fairfield charge, per Rev. J. H. Good, -	$7 50
Mar. 18.	"	Miss Rahauser - - - - -	4 00
Nov. 9.	"	Col. at Salem, Seneca County, Ohio. -	1 55
Mar. 21.	"	" Hopewell, " " -	1 55
" "	"	" Bascom, " " -	1 57
Sept. 5.	"	a Friend - - - - - - - -	20 00
"	"	Westmoreland Classis, per Mr. Zimmerman	23 00
" 15.	"	Col. in Somerset charge, per Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier - - - - - - -	12 00
" 12.	"	Bal. of a col. at Upper Sandusky - -	1 70
Nov. 21.	"	Miss Rahauser, per Rev. J. H. Good, -	4 00
Dec. 6.	"	Rev. Shaull, for use of Robert Miller, -	5 00
1853.			
Jan. 7.	"	Rev. Herbruck, for use of Schroder, -	9 00
Feb. 14.	"	Dr. Sprague, Tiffin, Ohio - - - - -	5 00
" 18.	"	Mr. Leonard Hawk - - - - - -	1 00
" "	"	Rev. P. Herbruck, for use of Schroder -	8 00
"	"	Rev. D. Kemmerer, do Robt. Miller,	10 00
Mar. 15.	"	St. Joseph Classis, per Mr. Zacharias, for Bowman - - - - - - -	5 00
" 22.	"	Rev. H. Hoffman, for the use of Scheel -	5 00
" "	"	" H. Rust, for the use of W. H. Fenneman	14 00
" 29.	"	" P. Herbruck, do Schroder - -	5 00
" "	"	" D. B. Ernst, do C. Scheel - -	5 00
Feb.	"	" G. D. Wolff col. in Tiffin charge for Scheel - - - - - - -	7 25
April 5.	"	" L. D. Leberman, for use of C. Scheel,	5 00
" "	"	" H. Shaull, for use of F. C. Bawman -	2 00
" 28.	"	" F. Wise, for use of C. Scheel - -	5 00
" "	"	" George Wolff, do - - -	5 00
May 2.	"	Col. in the 2d German Reformed church, Tiffin, for C. Scheel - - - -	5 76
" 24.	"	Rev. P. C. Ruhl, col. in his charge - -	4 69
" 25.	"	Lancaster Classis - - - - - -	10 00
June 16.	"	George Wolff for use of C. Scheel - -	30 00
July 13.	"	George Wolff do - -	10 00
Aug 27.	"	P. Herbruck for use of Mr. Schroder -	3 00
Sep. 23.	"	C. F. Hoffmeier col in Somerset charge -	12 00
" "	"	M. Zimmerman Treas. Westmoreland classis	10 00
" "	"	Rev. S. H. Giesy col. in his cong. - -	6 00
			$264 57

1852.			Cr.
Jan. 16.	By cash paid	C. H. Reiter	5 00
Mar 19.	"	do	5 00
June 28.	"	do	5 00
Sept.	"	W. H. Fenneman	3 00
Oct. 18.	"	do	1 25
" 24.	"	do	5 00
Nov. 2.	"	do	5 00
1853.			
Jan. 10.	"	Robert Miller	5 00
" "	"	W. H. Fenneman	6 00
" 8.	"	Mr. Schroder	9 00
Feb. 4.	"	C. Scheel	2 00
" 9.	"	W. H. Fenneman	5 00
" "	"	Postage	20
" "	"	Treasurer's Book	1 00
" 15.	"	W H. Fenneman	10 00
" 19.	"	Mr. Schroder	8 00
" 24.	"	Robert Miller	10 00
Mar. 12.	"	C. Scheel	5 00
" 15.	"	Mr. Bowman	5 00
" 19.	"	W. H. Fenneman	14 00
" 24.	"	Mr. Schroder	5 00
" 29.	"	W. H. Fenneman	1 00
April 2.	"	C. Scheel	10 00
" "	"	Mr. Schroder	5 00
" 4.	"	C. Scheel	7 25
" 5.	"	do	5 00
" "	"	F. C. Bowman	2 00
" 14.	"	Postage	40
May 3.	"	C. Scheel	10 76
"	"	H. Fenneman	13 75
" 22.	"	C. Scheel	5 00
" 25.	"	do	4 00
" 29.	"	do	6 00
June 21.	"	C. H. Reiter	5 00
" 23.	"	C. Scheel	20 00
" 25.	"	do	6 50
July 8.	"	W. H. Fenneman	12 00
" 21.	"	C. Scheel	4 00
Aug 24.	"	Mr. Schroder	3 00
Sep. 27.	"	H. Fenneman	18 00
			$253 11
	By Balance in Treasury		11 46
			$264 57

The following standing Rule was adopted:

"Hereafter a standing committee on Education shall be appointed by the President of Synod, at the same time with the other standing committees."

The above report was referred to this standing committee, consisting of I. S. Weisz, R. R. Salter, H. Shaull, S. Loucks, and J. Oldfather.

This committee subsequently reported. Their report was received and adopted, as follows:

The standing committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report that they have carefully examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, from which it appears that the sum of $264,-57 has been received during the past year for educational purposes, and $253,11 expended, leaving a balance of $11,46 in the treasury.

It is a matter of deep regret that so little has hitherto been contributed within the bounds of this Synod, towards assisting indigent young men in the prosecution of their studies preparatory to the ministry, whose number we are assured would very soon be greatly increased if assistance could be given them. But six young men have received any aid at all during the past year, just because the churches generally have not furnished the means necessary to sustain a larger number. In view of these facts your committee would recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all the ministers in the bounds of this Synod be earnestly requested to take up at least one collection in each of their congregations during the present year for educational purposes.

Resolved, That all our pastors be requested to make strenuous efforts to induce more pious young men to enter our institutions at Tiffin with a view to the ministry.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be permitted to grant aid to young men with the full understanding that it is not to be refunded except in such cases where those who have received such assistance failed to prosecute their studies until they enter the ministry, or do not remain in regular connection with the ministry of the German Reformed Church for the space of ten years.

Respectfully submitted. I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

TRACTS.

No report being offered by the committee appointed by the Synod of the preceding year, Synod resolved to hear the reading of the tract prepared by Rev. H. Rust.

Resolved, That the tract read before Synod be placed in the hands of a committee for revision (in connection with the author) and publication, in such form as said committee deems best.

The committee consists of E. V. Gerhart, G. W. Williard, D. Winters, J. T. Blain and David Rader.

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

The standing committee on Finance reported. Their report was received and adopted, as follows:

The committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following Report:

Item 1. Is an account presented by Rev. J. H. Good, Stated Clerk.

To Clerk fees for 1853	$25 00
Expenses to and from Synod	3 25
Stationery and Postage	1 62½
	$29 87½

Item 2.—Your committee are unable to present a report of the treasury, as no documents have been placed in their hands; they offer the following resolutions. W. M. REED, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasury in favor of J. H. Good for $29,87½.

Resolved, That the late Treasurer of Synod be requested to prepare his report and transmit it to the Treasurer elect, so that it may be incorporated in the minutes of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

PUBLICATION.

1.—*Report of the Editor and Treasurer.*

To the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States:

At the meeting of the last Synod the undersigned reluctantly yielded to the earnest entreaties of brethren to comply with the unanimous request of Synod, as contained in the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the Western Missionary be published during the year 1853, according to the arrangements during the years 1851 and '52, and that the Rev. J. H. Good be requested to continue editor as heretofore, and that he be and is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as he may deem necessary."

By the zealous co-operation of a number of the ministry and laity, to whom too much praise cannot be awarded, the subscription list of the missionary has been swelled largely during the year, so that it now numbers 1787—a larger number by several hundred than it had ever reached before. During this year the paper has been published regularly every two weeks, and has included a larger amount of original matter than was furnished in any previous volume.

The old debt of the paper has also been materially reduced, as will be seen from the financial report appended.

It will be readily seen that the paper stands now upon a better and more substantial foundation than ever before, having obtained a wider circle of friends, a larger and better list of subscribers, and a more numerous corps of correspondents. It can safely be carried forward in the same manner as at present, if the brethren will continue to give it their co-operation as heretofore.

The undersigned did not employ an assistant, as was suggested by Synod, for the reason that he could not economically do so when there was no certainty that he would hold his present position longer than the present year.

At various times efforts have been made and plans suggested whereby a press could be purchased and other arrangements entered into with reference to the publication of the paper; but these have all failed to secure that unanimity of sentiment and co-operation essential to their success. The undersigned believes that several of the plans

were good, and could have been carried out successfully. But under the diversity of sentiment existing, after the maturest reflection, and taking the lamp of experience as a guide, he recommends to Synod, as the safest plan for the future, to continue the present plan of placing the paper into the hands of an editor, to be published at his risk and expense, and at the same price. It is perhaps, for the present at least, the safest plan to "let well enough alone," as the paper now sustains itself, is widening its circle of readers and means of usefulness, and will be likely to do so, it may be best to continue in the future as we have thus far carried forward the enterprise in the past.

On looking back over the past three years, and comparing the much more favorable condition in which it now stands, this judgment will gain the greater strength. At the time of removing it from Columbus, it had been carried forward nearly two years at the risk and expense of Synod. Instead of its subscription list increasing, it had run down to 1327; now it has increased to 1787. Then it had a large debt resting upon it as the result of two years' operations; during the past three years it has not only contracted no debt, but has sustained itself and paid off more than one-half of the old debt. Then a ministerial brother, upon examination of its condition, expressed his emphatic and decided opinion that it was "*insolvent;*" now it is entirely solvent, and has met all its engagements. Then but twenty four numbers were issued yearly; now twenty-six, with an increase of at least fifty per cent. of matter, and at the same price. Thus far, then, at least, we have been prospered.

There are many reasons why the undersigned would be glad to be relieved from the editorial care of this paper, with which he has been so intimately connected from the beginning. The drudgery of mailing papers, keeping accounts, carrying on extensive correspondence; the difficulty of meeting the wishes, views and expectations of such dissimilar minds as exist among us; the comparatively small remuneration for the amount of labor expended upon the paper; the desire of rest from too severe and too long continued toil in the different spheres of labor devolved upon him; and the wish, also, to complete some literary labors long since projected,—these and other reasons combine to induce the undersigned to prefer retiring. Yet, should Synod be embarrassed in providing for it a different arrangement,

rather than that such embarrassment should jeopardize this interest, which he has always regarded and does still regard as the "right hand" of all our church enterprises, he will endeavor to do what he can to make it both efficient and successful.

J. H. GOOD.

2.—*Financial Report of the Western Missionary.*

RECEIPTS.

Received on subscriptions to the Western Missionary, from August 1st, 1852, to October 1st, 1853, unpaid subscriptions due for the years 1849 and 1850	$73 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on loan from "A Friend."	73 00

ASSETS.

Estimated amount of subscriptions due for the years 1849 and 1850, still unpaid	$425 00

DEBTS.

Balance of amount due the Editor, for 1850	$157 75
Amount due Editor from October 1st, 1850, to January 1st, 1851 .	112 50
Loan from H. D. M———	25 00
Balance due on loan from "A Friend"	27 00
Amount due Treasury of Synod	100 00
	$422 25

No. of subscribers to Western Missionary, August 1st, 1850 .	1327
do do do 1851 .	1430
do do Sept. 25th, 1853 .	1787

3.—*Report of Committee on Publication.*

The only document placed in the hands of your committee is the "Report of the Editor and Treasurer of the Western Missionary." From this it appears that the Western Missionary stands now upon a better foundation than ever before, being sustained during the past year by a larger number of subscribers than during any previous year of its existence. It is now self-sustaining, meeting all its current expenses, and remunerating, to some extent at least, the editor for his labor. The number of subscribers now is 1787. Under the present arrangement and support the paper will be self-supporting in the future.

It was made optional with the present editor to associate with himself an assistant or assistants, but the circumstances of the paper not justifying the appointment of a salaried assistant, none was appointed.

Your committee would suggest the appointment by Synod of an editorial committee, taken from different portions of the Western Church, to co-operate gratuitously with the local editor in procuring and preparing articles, original and selected, for the columns of the Missionary, according to such arrangements as may be entered into by said editorial committee with the local editor.

The present editor of the Missionary would be glad to retire from the control of the paper should Synod see fit to enter into different arrangements, but will submit should Synod continue him in his present position.

The indebtedness of the paper has been slightly reduced during the past year. The present debt amounts to $422,25. The estimated amount of subscriptions due for the years 1849 and 1850 still unpaid is $425,50. This, it will be perceived, is but estimated. At the same time it is well known that such unpaid subscriptions, standing for a number of years, are very difficult of collection. Hence, but little hope can be entertained that the debt will ever, under the present arrangement, be liquidated to any extent. Some step, therefore, should now be taken, so that a definite settlement may be made. There is no reason whatever for postponement.

Respectfully submitted, W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

The report of the committee was discussed at length, during the progress of which Rev. J. H. Good withdrew his proposition to continue as editor of the paper.

Synod proceeded to the election of an editor by ballot, which resulted as follows:

For G. W. Williard	13	For W. Conrad	2
" H. Shaull	6	" R. R. Salter	1
For W. K. Zieber	1		

The whole subject was then referred back to the committee on Publication, which committee was increased by the addition of the names of Rev. P. C. Prugh and G. Long.

The committee subsequently brought in the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee respectfully report that they have consulted with the editor elect, and have received from him the following proposition:

He will publish the Missionary in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on his own responsibility, according to the arrangements under which it was published for the last three years. He will not absolutely assume the indebtedness of the establishment, but is willing to allow what is received from subscribers, above 1400 in number, to go to the payment of the debt, excepting the $100 due Synod, until it is cancelled, after which this arrangement shall close. Under this arrangement he is willing to bear his proportion of the loss sustained from non-paying subscribers. If, however, the number of subscribers does not exceed 1400, he will not be willing to assume the debt.

He desires an Editorial committee of five, to be associated with him in the publication of the Missionary; this committee to be appointed with the sanction of Synod. Should any member of this committee resign, the remainder to be empowered to fill vacancies.

He will take charge of the paper by the 10th day of November next.

He desires that the proposition of the late editor be somewhat modified—that the amount due him be paid in installments; the editor to charge the late editor nothing for collecting subscriptions due to him.

The editor elect suggested the following named Brethren as the Editorial committee:

Revs. D. Winters, D. Kaemmerer, Geo. Long, W. K. Zieber and I. S. Weiss.

Respectfully submitted, W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the interest on the old claim due to the late editor be provided for by the next Synod; in case the paper be able to pay said claim it shall do so; if not, the Synod shall provide for it in such manner as it may deem best

Resolved, That the Editorial committee, suggested by the editor elect, be appointed:

The following plan of settlement was submitted by the retiring editor, and was, on motion, adopted:

1. The transfer of the paper to be made on or before the 10th of November.

2. An accurate estimate to be made of the amount overpaid by all the subscribers, at the date of transfer.

3. The whole of the old accounts, i. e. those for the years 1849 and '50, to be transferred to the new publisher for collection, and for the liquidation of the old debt.

4. The amount overpaid at the time of settlement, to be paid in installments by J. H. Good to G. W. Williard, the former giving his notes to the latter for the amount. The amount due the editor on old account ($322 25) to be paid J. H. Good by G. W. Williard, in notes, in similar installments. Whatever difference there may be in the two amounts shall be equalized by the payment of the difference at the time of the payment of the last installment.

5. All of the arrearages for 1851–2, and until Nov. 10, 1853, to be collected as far as possible by J. H. Good, and whatever of it may be paid in to the new publisher is to be paid over to J. G. Good, from time to time, and it shall be the duty of the publisher to collect said arrearages so far as it can be done, and is within his power.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hours of Meeting.—The regular hours for the sessions of Synod were from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 1 to 4 P. M.

Annual Meeting of Synod.—Synod resolved to meet in General Convention in the year 1854, with the English Congregation, at Greensburg, Westmoreland co., Pa., commencing on the last Thursday in March, at 10 A. M.

Attendance of Elders.—Elder C. Meyers offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted by Synod.

Whereas, this Synod regards it as important, that both at the meetings of Synod and the Classes, as many Elders as possible may be present, both as delegates and advisory members; therefore

Resolved, That the stated Clerks of the different Classes be instructed to make out and keep a roll of all the Elders within the bounds of their Classes, and before each meeting of Classis or Synod to publish said names, informing them of their right to be present as advisory members, and urge their attendance.

Classical Historical Societies.—*Resolved*, That the attention of the Classis be called to the propriety of organizing Classical Historical Societies, for the purpose of gathering information concerning the planting and early history of our Church, and the labors of our deceased ministers, within the bounds of Synod.

Standing Rule.—The following Standing Rule was adopted:

In every election for officers, where candidates are nominated by the Standing Committee on Nominations, the voting members shall be free to vote for any having, in their judgment, the necessary qualifications, and shall, therefore, not be confined in their votes to the candidates placed in nomination by the committee.

Change of Synodical Meetings.—The following was adopted:

"*Whereas*, this Synod, in accordance with the constitutional vote of the Classes, has determined to change the time of its annual meeting from the fall of the year to the spring; *and*, *whereas*, this change will necessarily involve in it a change of time in respect to the annual meeting of the Classes from spring to fall; *and*, *whereas*, it is important that the several Classes should have their annual meetings next year before the time of the General Convention which convenes in March, 1851; therefore

Resolved, That the Presidents of the several Classes, in connection with the other officers, be and hereby are authorised and directed to change the time of the meeting of the respective Classes, to such appropriate time, before the meeting of the General Convention, as they may deem best."

"Wanner on the Family."—Rev. E. V. Gerhart presented to Synod, on behalf of Rev. A. Wanner, a book called "Wanner on the Family." On motion, the book was referred to a committee for examination. The committee consisted of W. M. Reed, F. W. Dechant, J. Pike, Jesse Prugh and P. R. Zacharias.

This committee subsequently reported, that they had not had time to examine the work thoroughly. On motion, the committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to examine the work, publish their report as soon as prepared, and present it to the next Synod. The committee consists of D. B. Ernst, G. Wolff and John Crick, Esq.

Form of a Deed.—*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to report to the next Synod some form of a Deed for holding Church property, to be recommended for adoption by all Congregations, so far as this may be possible. The committee consists of J. H. Good, H. Shaull and Jacob Kroh.

Publication of the Minutes.—*Resolved*, That the editor elect be requested to publish the minutes in the English language at as cheap a rate as he can.

Resolved, That the German minutes be published under the superintendence of Rev. J. G. Zahner, as heretofore.

Vote of Thanks.—*Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be cordially tendered to the Pastor and members of the Neriah and sister churches of Monroe county, Michigan, for the kind hospitality extended to us during our present sessions, and that the *pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from his pulpit.

New Classes.—After some statements by Rev. D. Kroh with respect to the prospects of our Church in Iowa and Illinois, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so soon as the constitutional number of ministers shall reside within the bounds of the State of Iowa, they be authorized to constitute a new Classis, to be styled the *Classis of Iowa*.

Reception of Rev. M. Pleuss.—Rev. Mr. Pleuss, of Wisconsin, made some remarks with reference to the missionary field in Wisconsin.

Whereas, Rev. Mr. Pleuss was received two years ago by the Eastern Synod, and recommended to connect himself with one of the Western Classes.

Resolved, That he be received as a member of this Synod, and be constituted a member of the Classis of St. Josepha, until such time as the way may be open for the organization of a Northern Illinois or Wisconsin Classis.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday evening, and was dismissed with prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. H. GOOD,
Stated Clerk of Synod of Ohio.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'n.	Congregations or Charges.	Number of Members.	Number of Communicants.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter	Adult Baptisms	Infant Baptisms	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excommunic'ns	Sabb'th Schools	Contributed for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
1. David Winters,	4	Mount Zion charge,	365	360	9	13	2	21	9	..	..	4	$185 00	Dayton, Ohio.
2. Thos. H Winters,	2	Highland charge,	193	120	57	1	6	5	..	2	..	1	20 00	Xenia, Ohio.
	1	Cæsar's Creek charge,	80	80	1	1	..	10	..	6	..	..	7 00	
3 Jesse Steiner,	6	Union charge,	325	300	100	5	..	40	6	4	3	5	25 00	Springfield, Ohio.
4. John Vogt,	3	Seven Mile charge,	160	85	6	..	1	17	1	..	..	3	52 00	Sampson, Darke county, Ohio.
5 John Rike,	5	West Alexandria charge,	200	200	38	..	8	11	5	..	..	1	46 00	West Alexandria, Preble Co., O.
6 Peter C Prugh,	2	Xenia charge,	164	164	10	7	..	11	7	1	..	2	83 81	Xenia, Ohio.
7. J. D. Colliflower,	5	Darke County charge,	130	130	19	16	..	48	3	..	..	..	11 00	Beamsville, Darke county, Ohio.
8. H Rust,	1	Cincinnati congregation,	180	259	9	70	..	38	9	25	1	1	40 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
9. P. H Kroh,	3	Jonesboro' charge,	140	140	20	..	..	28	5	1	..	..	.....	Jonesboro', Illinois.
10. J Stoneberger,	3	Missionary in Missouri,	50	50	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1 0	Patton, Bollinger county, Mo.
11. W. K Zieber,	5	Miamisburg charge,	229	200	18	29	1	30	15	8	1	4	84 25	Miamisburg, Montgomery Co., O.
12 John Kircher,	4	Germantown charge,	205	165	18	5	6	39	10	..	..	2	6 00	do. do. do.
13. A. Toensmeier,	1	2nd Church, Dayton,	110	110	9	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	.....	Dayton, Ohio.
14 J Baumunk,	2	Millville charge,	85	75	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	1	33 00	Millville, Butler county, Ohio.
15. H. K Baines,	4	Fairfield charge,	209	209	6	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	3 00	Fairfield, Greene county, Ohio.
16. H. Hiestand,	..	No Report,	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Lafayette City, La.
17. H. Kroh,	..	No Report,	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Stockton, California.
Vacant,	1	1st Church, Dayton,	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
Vacant,	4	Port Jefferson charge,	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 00	
Vacant,	4	Colliflower charge,	105	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
Vacant,	2	Brown County charge,	65	65	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	.....	

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'n.	Names of Congregations.	Number of Members.	Number of Communicants.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	S. Schools.	Deaths.	Baptized Members.	Post Office Address.
1. George Weiss.....	3	St. Michael's, Jacob's, &c.....	160	114	16	..	23	..	..	..	2	102	Lancaster, Fairfield county, O.
2. Jacob Weaver.....	2	Jerusalem, Mt. Zuvingli.....	70	60	..	1	12	8	..	2	2	75	Bremen, Fairfield county, O.
3. G. W Williard ...	2	Columbus, Union	60	55	8	2	6	..	..	2	2	30	Columbus, O.
4. I. S. Weiss	4	Job's, Salem's, David's, Zion &c ..	283	232	23	7	60	13	..	..	28	24	Lithopolis, Fairfield county, O.
5. W. D. C. Rodrock.	2	Delaware, Middletown	140	125	26	16	23	..	..	2	1	102	Delaware, O.
6. F. W Dechant.....	4	St. Paul's, Reading, Ribel's	174	69	8	..	12	10	..	2	4	205	Somerset, Perry county, O.
7. H. Williard.....	4	Lancaster, Mt. Carmel, &c	110	...	2	..	10	..	..	..	10	100	Lancaster, O.
8. J B. Thompson....	4	Tarlton, Jerusalem, &c	....	119	25	8	25	..	1	2	12	....	Tarlton, Pickaway county, O.
9. John Pence.....	2	Basil, Hopewell	118	75	..	..	2	..	1	2	.	100	Baltimore, Fairfield county, O.
10. J. C. Henneman....	2	Columbus, (German) &c	70	40	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	...	Columbus, O
11. J. H. Buser.....	3	Kinnickkinnick, Pine, &c	100	....	..	..	..	..		1	..	....	Chillicothe, Ross county, O.
12. P Johnson	..	Without Charge.....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	Columbus, O.
13. Henry King	..	do	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	Tarlton, Pickaway county, O.
14. J. W. A Shaffer....	..	Licentiate.....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	Lancaster, O.
15. Jacob Klingler. ...	..	do	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	Hog Creek, Allen county. O.
16. Vacant.....		Circleville	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	

— Miscellaneous Collections, about $1,050 00.

CLASSIS OF WESTMORELAND.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'n	Charges.	No. Members.	No. Baptized.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools.	For Benevolent purposes. Classis Fund	Home Miss'n	For'gn Miss.	Educational.	Perpetual Scholarship.	Post Office Addresses.
1. N. P. Hacke,	5	Greensburg, (German)	636	95	35	636	..	..	2	11 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	Greensburg, Penn.
2. H. E. F. Voight,	8	Mt. Pleasant charge,	401	97	..	401	..	10	6	10 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	Mt. Pleasant, Penn.
3. William Conrad,	4	Berlin charge,	...	27	30	247	..	8	3	4 00	4 00	5 00	.....	22 50	Berlin, Penn.
4. H. Knepper,	5	Grantsville charge,	...	19	18	130	..	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	Grantsville, Md.
5. B. Knepper,	8	Wellersburg charge,	...	31	29	206	..	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 02	Wellersburg, Penn.
6. S. H. Giesy,	4	Greensburg, (English)	200	30	15	185	8	6	3	7 25	4 00	.....	3 00	10 00	Greensburg, Penn.
7. C. F. Hoffmeier,	5	Somerset charge,	...	61	53	300	..	6	3	4 00	6 50	6 50	7 00	12 00	Somerset, Penn.
8. John Hoyman,	4	Shade charge,	...	44	22	175	..	4	2	8 00	2 00	3 06¼	.....	3 00	Stoystown, Penn.
9. William Weimel,	..	.....	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	Leechburg, Penn.
										44 69	16 59	14 56¼	10 00	80 50	

CLASSIS OF SANDUSKY.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'n	Names of Congregations.	Number of Members.	Number of Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptized.	Certificate.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
1. S. B. Leiter	4	Tuscarawas charge	152	....	12	30	2	..	3	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
2. Jesse Hines	4	Reedsburg charge	125	....	12	18	..	6	3	Mohicanville, Ashland county, Ohio.
3. Jesse Richards	3	Navarre charge	134	120	23	25	..	2	2	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
4. Adam Stump	3	Rome charge	207	....	..	14	..	12	2	Shelby, Richland county, Ohio.
5. J. C. Klar	8	Mansfield charge	200	....	15	32	..	9	1	Newville, Ohio.
6. C. Zwisler	..	No report	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	
7. J. M. Dixon	..	No report	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	
Vacant	..	Shelby charge	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	

CLASSIS OF COLUMBIANA.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'ns	Names of Congregations.	Number of Members.	Number of Communicants.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Received.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools.	Contributions.	Post Office Addresses.
1. J. P. Mahnenschmidt	4	Berlin, etc.	130	90	7	..	..	..	12	1	$7	Frederick, Mahoning county, Ohio.
2. A. Wanner	4	Washingtonville	230	200	21	6	8	10	7	2		Washingtonville, Columbiana co., Ohio.
2. N. E. Gilds	3	Carrollton, etc.	170	120	12	3	.	3	4	..	14	Carrollton, Ohio.
3. P. J. Spangler	5	Manchester	346	....	80	42	..	20	2	..	10	Nimisilla, Summit county, Ohio.
Vacant	6	Springfield	....	362	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	North Lima, Ohio.

CLASSIS OF TIFFIN.

Ministers.	No Congregat'n.	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools	Post Office Addresses.
1. F. Rahauser,		Superannuated,									Flat Rock, Seneca county, O.
2. H. Shaull,		General Agent of College,			5	9	11		6		Massillon, Stark county, O.
3. Frederick Wahl,			170	130	15		30	5	12	1	West Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.
4. S S Rickly,	1	Salem congregation,	15								Tiffin, O.
5. J. H. Good,	1	Jacob's congregation,	30	6			12			3	Tiffin, O.
6. R. Good,	1	Zion's congregation,	40	40	17		5		6		Tiffin, O.
7. E. V G-rhart,	2	Bascom, 2d Reformed Church, Tiffin,	106	110	1	3	21		7		Tiffin, O.
8. H. A. Winter,	4	Wyandotte Mission,	48				15		7		Upper Sandusky, Wyandot co., O.
9. P. Bruecker,		No Report,									Sandusky City, O.
10. G D Wolf,	1	1st Church Tiffin—No Report,									Norristown, Montgomery co., Pa.
11. Max Stern,	4	Bucyrus charge—Recently taken charge									Galion, Richland co., O.
12. Paulus Meis,	2	No Report,		61							Vermillion, Erie co., O.
13. Augustus Muhlmeier,		Sheboygan Mission,									Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
Vacant,	2	Mt. Pisgah and McCutcheonsville,	61		9	4	8		2	1	
Vacant,	3	Findlay Mission,	75								Findlay, Hancock co., O.
Vacant,	4	Allen county Mission,	200								Lima, Allen co., O.
Vacant,		Henry county Mission,									
14. J. Klein,	2	Sandusky and Wood counties Mission,									Tiffin, Seneca co., O.
15. J. H. Ruterick,	2	Toledo Mission,									Toledo, O
16. F. Bauman,	1	Licentiate, Iowa Mission,									Buncombe, Dubuque, co., Iowa.

CLASSIS OF ST. JOSEPHS.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabb'th Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
1. R. R. Salter,	1	Neriah,	58	58	5	6	4	2	1	Laselle, Monroe county, Mich.
2. William M. Reed,	1	Colon,	40	40	2	..	13	1	1	Colon, St. Joseph county, Ind.
3. A. J. Rutan,	..	Liberty, &c., No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Benton, Elkhart county, Ind.
4. Wendall Wasnick,	4	Brush Creek, &c.,	144	144	..	..	26	4	..	Pulaski, Williams county, O.
5. Elias Spangler,	2	Lafayette, &c.	54	54	2	2	6	..	2	Panama, Defiance county, O.
6. Daniel Kroh,	9	Cedarville, Silvercreek, Orangeville & Rockg'v	105	..	..	33	14	4	7	Cedarville, Ill.
7. John Ruhl,	..	No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Defiance, Defiance county, O.
8. Thomas Winters,	..	Superannuated,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Evansport, Defiance county, O.
9. John Snyder,	..	No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Huntingdon, Ind.
10. Jacob Baer,	..	No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	West Point, Lee county, Iowa.
11. D. G. Phillips,	..	No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vacant,	5	North Wabash charge,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vacant,	3	South Wabash charge,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vacant,	1	Marshall county,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
12. C. Pleuss,	1	Milwauke Mission,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Milwauke, Wisconsin.
13. G. Treber,	..	Missionary in Illinois,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers.	No Congreg'n.	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
1. D B. Ernst,	3	Meadville, Seegerstown, &c.,	283	262	31	10	26	6	..	Seegerstown, Crawford co., Pa.
Vacant,	2	Harmony, Handshew,—No Report,								
2. H. Hoffman,	3	St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Salem,	350	212	18	..	30	8	2	Jefferson Furn., Clarion co., Pa.
3. L. D. Leberman,	5	Trinity, Temple, St. John's, Zion, &c.,	407	388	39		87	21	3	Kerr's Store, Clarion co., Pa.
4. George Wolff,	3	Rimersburg, St. John, Mount Zion,	270	225	20	18	37	3	3	Milton, Northumberland co., Pa
5. J. S. Shade,	5	Tylersburg, &c.,	166	147	2		25	8	3	Tylersburg, Clarion co., Pa.
6. H F. Hartman,	2	Sugar Creek and Fairview,	140	130	..	10	19	4	1	Baldwin, Butler co., Pa.
Vacant,	5	Clarion, Salem, St. John, Roseville,	160	110	..	5	..	..	3	
7. F. Wise,	4	St. Jacob's, St. John, Sparrow's, &c.,	255	197	47	..	22	1	2	South Bend, Pa.
8. B. Boyer,	3	Goodhope, St. John,	285	234	..	..	..	..	..	West Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.
9. Joseph Miller,	..	No Report,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

NORTHERN GERMAN CLASSIS.

This Classis has this year forwarded no Statistical Report to Synod.

CLASSIS OF INDIANA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	No. Members.	Communicants.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabb'th Schools.	Collections.	Post Office Addresses.
1. George Long.....	1	..	45	7	5	1	$ 5 65	Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. G. Z. Zumpe.....	1	54	54	10	1	1	5 00	Poland, Clay county, Ind.
3. Carl Kuss.....	1	75	74	10	1	1	44 15	Louisville, Ky.
4. Andrew Carroll...	2	85	40	3	3	..	.....	Bloomfield, Greene county, Ind.

NEW CLASSES.

Authority to organize the following Classes has been given by Synod, so soon as the constitutional number of Ministers shall reside within the prescribed limits:

1. Classis of Missouri — To comprise the Southern portion of the State of Illinois and the State of Missouri.

2. Classis of Illinois — To comprise Northern Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

3. Classis of Wisconsin — To comprise the State of Wisconsin.

4. Classis of Iowa — To comprise the State of Iowa.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

IN GENERAL CONVENTION,

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States of the German Reformed Church, in General Convention, in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, commencing at 10, A. M., 25th May, 1854.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the synodical sermon was preached by the Rev. I. S. Weisz. Corresponding Secretary, at the request of Synod. from 1 Cor. iv : 1–6.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

2—FROM THE CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers—Rev. D Winters, T. H. Winters, J. Steiner, P. C. Prugh, H. K. Baines,* J. Baumunk.†

Elders—Jonas Peterson, John Jenkins, A. H. Baughman, Peter Pence,* John Rockafield.*

2—FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER

Ministers—Rev. George W. Williard, I. S. Weisz, F. W. Dechant, J. B. Thompson, J. Pence.

Elders—J. T. Blain, George Hoy.

3—FROM THE CLASSIS OF WESTMORELAND.

Ministers—Rev. N. P. Hacke, William Conrod, S. H. Giesy, C. F. Hoffmeir. J. Hoyman, G. B. Russel, B. Knepper,* H. Knepper,* H. Voigt.‡

Elders—H. Lauffer, M Zimmerman, J. Barnhart, J. Zimmerman, H. Stottler, G. F. Rahauser, M. Sachsman.‡

4—FROM THE CLASSIS OF SANDUSKY.

Ministers—Rev. J. Richards, H. Shaull.

Elders—None present.

5—FROM THE CLASSIS OF COLUMBIANA

Ministers—Rev. N. E. Gilds, A. Wanner.

Elders—None present.

6—FROM THE CLASSIS OF TIFFIN.

Ministers—Rev. S. S. Rickley, E. V. Gerhart.

Elder—J. Kroh.

7—FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. JOSEPH.

Ministers—Rev. R. R. Salter, C. Pleuss.

Elder—Peter Loose.

8—FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers—Rev. D. B. Earnst, H. Hoffman, L. D. Leberman, H. F. Hartman, F. Wise.

Elders—J Imhoff, George Daubenspeck, J. Schreckengast.

9—FROM THE N. GERMAN CLASSIS.

None present.

10—FROM THE CLASSIS OF INDIANA.

None present.

11—FROM THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Minister—Rev. Isaac Gerhart.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From the Synod of the United States—Rev. C. Becker, A. Shroeder.

J. McConnell, Licentiate of West. Classis, was also present.

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*Took seats on Friday morning.

†Took his seat on Monday morning.

‡Took seats on Saturday morning.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. N. P, Hacke was chosen *President.*

Rev. George W. Williard was chosen *Clerk, pro tem*, in the absence of the stated Clerk.

Rev. I. S. Weisz was chosen *Cor. Secretary and Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The standing rules of Synod were read by the Clerk, and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod:

The Morning Session to open at 8, and close at 11½ o'clock.

The Afternoon Session to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed by the President:

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. T. H. Winters, F. W. Dechant, J. Richards; Elders J. Peterson and H. Lauffer.

On Correspondence—Rev. J. Steiner, J. B. Thompson, N. E. Gilds; Elders George Hoy and J. Kroh.

On the Minutes of Classes—Rev. H. Shaull, D. B. Earnst, S. S. Rickley, J. Hoyman; Elders J. Barnhart, J. T. Blain.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—Rev. D. Winters, I. Gerhart, H. Hoffman; Elders J. Imhoff, J. Jenkins.

On Religion—Rev. William Conrod, J. Pence, L. D. Leberman; Elders J. Zimmerman, J. Schreckengast.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. P. C. Prugh, F. Wise, F. W. Dechant; Elders H. Stottler, George Daubenspeck.

On Heidelberg College—Rev. D. B. Earnst, S. S. Rickley, I. S. Weisz; Elders G. F. Rahauser, A. H. Baughman.

On Missions—Rev. R R. Salter, G. B. Russel, George W. Willard; Elders M. Zimmerman, J. Jenkins.

On Finance—Rev. J. B. Thompson, H. Hoffman, N. P. Hacke; Elders J. T. Blain, J. Kroh.

On Publication—Rev. L. D. Lebermann, D. Winters, J. Richards; Elders G. F. Rahauser, George Hoy.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. C. F. Hoffmeir, S. H. Giesy, N P. Hacke; Elders J. Imhoff, J. Peterson.

On Nominations—Rev. H. F. Hartman, N. E. Gilds, J. Pence; Elders J. Barnhart, J. Kroh.

On Education—Rev. J. Richards, A. Wanner, G. B. Russel; Elders M. Sachsman, J. T. Blain.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

2. The minutes of classes were referred to the committee on said minutes.

3. The reports of the different Boards and Treasurers were received and referred to their proper committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following order, which was adopted:

Sermon, on Friday evening, by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Saturday Afternoon—Hymn, by Rev. H Hoffman; Prayer, by Prof. Gerhart; Preparatory Sermon, by Rev. J. Steiner; Prayer, by Rev. N. E. Gilds; Hymn, by Rev. A. Wanner.

Sermon on Saturday evening, by Rev. E. V. Gerhart.

Sacramental sermon, Sabbath morning, by Rev. D. Winters.

Distribution of the Elements, by Rev G W Williard, William Conrad, Thomas H Winters, J. Steiner, D. B Ernst, H Hoffman and Prof. Gerhart

Sermon in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. T. H Winters.

Sermon at Presbyterian Church, (O. S) morning, by Prof. E. V. Gerhart.

Sermon at Presbyterian Church, (O S) evening, by Rev G. W. Williard

Sermon at English Lutheran Church, morning, by Rev H. Shaull

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Pittsburg, by Rev. I. S Weisz.

Sermon at German Church, Greensburg, (morning), by Rev. I. Gerhart.

Sermon at Methodist Episcopal Church, Greensburg, 5½ o'clock, by Rev. Jesse Richards

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Salem, (English and German) by Rev. C. F Hoffmeir

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Yockey's, by the Rev. J. McConnell.

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Irwin's Station, by Rev. R. R. Salters.

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Ridge, by the Rev. G. B. Russel.

Sermon at German Reformed Church, Brush Creek, by Rev. A. Shroeder.

Missionary Anniversary, in the German Church, (Hacke's) Sabbath evening: Prayer, by Rev. H. Hoffman; German Address, by Rev. C. Pleuss. English Address by Rev. E. V. Gerhart.

Sermon on Monday evening, by Rev. G. B. Russel.

Sermon at German Reformed Church, (English) Tuesday evening, by Rev. D. B. Ernst

Respectfully submitted:

C. F. HOFFMEIR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to Report

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1. On page 18 is a resolution requesting the Board of Theological Seminary to return the Plainfield bond of the Rev. William Stump, deceased, to his widow.

2. On page 24, the appointment of Rev. E. V. Gerhart a committee to procure books and money for the increase of the library.

3. On same page, resolution calling upon the classes and ministers to co-operate with Prof Gerhart, in procuring moneys and books for the library.

4. On page 26, resolution requesting the Rev. H. Rust to publish the proceedings of Synod in the *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung*

5 On page 27, is the appointment o a committee on the correspondence between this body and the *Evangelical Verein.*

6. On page 28, is the appointment of a committee, with plenary to settle certain difficulties in the Springfield charge

7. On page 28, the appointment of a committee to settle the difficulties existing in the Dayton congregation

8. On page 31, is a request to the Columbiana classis to dissolve its present organization.

9. On page 10, are several resolutions referring to domestic missions.

10. On page 47, are a number of resolutions relating to a closer alliance between the Reformed Churches of Europe and the Reformed Church of America.

11. On page 48, the election of the Rev. J. Rebaugh as superintendent of missions.

12. On same page, is the action of Synod in regard to effecting a closer union with the Synod of the United States, in the form of a higher judicatory, to be styled "The General Assembly of the German Reformed Church of America."

14. On page 49, is a resolution requesting the different classis to devise suitable means for the increase of candidates for the gospel ministry.

15. On same page, a renewed request to all ministers in connection with this Synod, to hold collections in their congregations for the immediate use of the Seminary.

16. On page 52, is the continuation of a committee to take into consideration the propriety of preparing and publishing one or more tracts on the history, doctrines and mission of the German Reformed Church.

17. On page 54 is the continuation of a committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Eastern Synod, relative to the Liturgy.

18. On page 54, Rev. I. S. Weisz was elected Primarius, and Rev. H. Hoffman Secundus, as delegates to the Synod of North America.

19. On page 55, Rev. D. Kemerer was elected Primarius, and Rev. H. Rust Secundus as delegates to the Evangelical Verein.

20. On page 58, several resolutions requesting the ministers within the bounds of this Synod to take up at least one collection in each of their congregations, during the year, for educational pur-

poses, and to make strenuous efforts to induce pious young men to enter our institutions at Tiffin, with a view to the ministry.

21. On page 59, is a committee appointed to revise a tract read by the Rev. H Rust.

22. On page 59, is a resolution directing the late Treasurer of Synod to prepare a report, and transmit it to the Treasurer elect.

23. On page 64, is a resolution requesting the payment, if possible, of the old claim due the late editor.

24. On page 65, is a resolution requesting the stated Clerks of different classes to make out and keep a roll of all the elders within the bounds of their classes, and before the meeting of each classis or Synod to publish said names, informing them of their rights to be present as advisory members.

25. On page 66, is a resolution requesting each classis to organize classical Historical Societies.

26. Page 67, is the appointment of a committee of three to report the form of a deed for holding Church property.

27. On page 67, is the appointment of a committee to examine and report upon the work of the Rev. A Wanner on the Family.

MINUTES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SYNOD.

28. From the minutes of this Synod, page 5, we see that our delegate, the Rev. I. S. Weisz, was present at their meeting, and that the Rev. Isaac Gerhart was elected Primarius, and the Rev. Daniel Weiser, Secundus, as delegates to this Synod.

29. On page 13, a committee of seven were appointed, consisting of Revs. Frederick A. Rupley, Henry Heckerman, John Rebaugh, Daniel Ziegler, John R. Kooken, and Elders John Paul and Joseph Karch, to confer with a similar committee of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, on the subject of a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and America.

30. On page 99, a resolution requesting this Synod to acquiesce in the alteration of a proposed change in the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted:

THOMAS H. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item:

Item 1—Attended to.

Item 2—See Report on the Library

Item 3—See Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 4—Attended to.

Item 5—No report.

Item 6—There being no report from the committee, the following action was had upon the subject:

WHEREAS, The committee appointed by the last Synod, to adjust, in a constitutional way, the difficulties existing between the Rev. F. Englebach and the Springfield charge, has not reported; Therefore

Resolved, That the attention of the new classis to be formed by the request of Synod, be, and hereby is directed to the settlement of these difficulties.

Item 7—No report.

Item 8—See the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes.

Item 9—See the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes.

Item 10—See the action of Synod under the 29th article of this Report.

Item 11—The call was extended according to instructions, but not accepted.

Item 12—The Board on Church Extension presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Board was unable to meet until the present session of Synod, inasmuch as its members were seperated too far from each other to have a full meeting, without incurring a heavy expense.

At the meeting of Synod last fall, in Neriah, Michigan, there was placed in the hands of the Board $33,83 in money, and two notes given by trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Mansfield, Ohio, for $38,83 each, bearing interest at six per cent. The money was loaned to the German Reformed Church, at Louisville, Ky., for which the Board hold the note of the consistory, drawing interest at six per cent.

For the want of sufficient time, the Board was unable to mature a plan for future operation. We would propose to Synod the propriety of locating the Board at some point where the members may reside sufficiently near to each other to hold frequent meetings.

The present Board is fully aware of the vast importance of this enterprise, and the necessity of prompt measures on the part of the new Board to extend aid to our feeble congregations, in the erection of houses of worship. Respectfully submitted:

H. SHAULL, *Chairman.*

Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, was chosen as the location of the new Board on Church Extension, and Rev. H. Willard appointed Chairman. The Board consists of the following persons:

Rev. H. Williard, M. Stern, H. Shaull, D. Kemerer, Dr. J. Reisinger, J. Shoemaker and J. Kuhn.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary give the Chairman of the Board due notice of his appointment, and of the action of the Synod on the subject.

Resolved, That the month of October next be set apart as a suitable time to take up collections in all our congregations for the purpose of raising a Church extension fund; and that the members of the Board be requested to call the attention of the Church to this all-important subject, that it may be prepared to act promptly.

Item 13—The committee reported, but as it had not acted in concert with a similar committee from the Eastern Synod, the committee was continued, and the report referred back to it, with the request that it should confer with the committee of the Synod of the United States, and report the result of their joint deliberations at the next regular meeting of Synod.

Item 14—See Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 15—See Report of the same committee.

Item 16.—There being no report, the old committee was discharged, and a new one created, consisting of the Professors in our Seminary and College, together with the pastor, or pastors, of the

German Reformed congregations in Tiffin, of which Prof. Gerhart is chairman.

Item 17—The committee presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LITURGY.

The Synod of Wooster made it the duty of your committee to co-operate with the committee of the Synod of North America, in the preparation of a new liturgy. In order, therefore, to ascertain on what principles this co-operation should be conducted, the plan of the Eastern Synod was submitted to the Synod at Neriah, and adopted. Thus it was decided in what manner the original injunction should be carried out. But the contemplated meeting of the Eastern committee, to which we referred in our last report, was not held; the reasons we are not able to assign. No progress has consequently been made in this work by your committee since the last meeting of the Synod. To what extent the preparation of the proposed liturgy has advanced in the East, we are not able to report.

We recommend the following preamble and resolutions for adop. tion:

WHEREAS, It appears that some portions of the Church are opposed to a new liturgy, on the plan and principles adopted, and

WHEREAS, It is essential to the maintenance of general harmony and mutual confidence, that the movement be unanimously sustained; and

WHEREAS, Consequently the whole Church does not now seem to be prepared to go forward cordially with this important work under its present form; and

WHEREAS, The distance of your committee from that of the Eastern Synod renders the co-operation rather nominal than real, inasmuch as it incurs heavy expense for both to meet in common session; Therefore

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on the Liturgy be dissolved.

We propose also the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in connection with the liturgy now in general use, this Synod recommends the Palatinate Liturgy to the favorable regard of all under her jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Synod request all ministers to abstain from the use of any liturgy that has not been prepared and adopted by the Reformed Church of Europe or America.

Respectfully submitted:

E. V. GERHART,
J. STEINER,
I. S. WEISZ.
JACOB C. KROH,

Item 18.—The Rev. I. S. Weisz delegate to the Eastern Synod, presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Delegate to Synod of the United States.

Your delegate to the Synod of the United States, which convened in Philadelphia, October 18, 1853, begs leave to report, that he attended said Synod, and remained until the morning of the eighth day of its sessions. He was received and treated with the utmost kindness. The sessions of Synod were protracted, in consequence of a number of important matters claiming attention. Its proceedings generally were characterized by the presence of a spirit of peace and forbearance—a spirit of harmony and love. *Much* was transacted that must tell powerfully on the future prosperity of our branch of the Church. Deep interest was manifested especially in the welfare of the Western Church. Our Eastern brethren love us, and hailing with joy our success in establishing our institutions, which are the hope of the Church, upon a somewhat permanent basis, they bid us God-speed. The Synod received with cordiality our

proposition for a closer union with that body, and has made provision to take the preliminary steps necessary for effecting it.

Respectfully submitted:

I. S. WEISZ.

Traveling expenses.....$45.00

The stated Clerk was ordered to give the Rev. I. S. Weisz an order on the Treasurer of Synod to the amount of $22,50, being the one-half of his expenses incurred in attending the Eastern Synod, at its late session in Philadelphia.

Item 19—No report.

Item 20—See report on the Minutes of Classes.

Item 21—No report.

Item 22—Attended to.

Item 23—Attended to.

Item 24—See report of the committee on the Minutes of Classes

Item 25—See report of the same committee.

Item 26—Not attended to.

Item 27—The committee report; but as the work had already been brought to the notice of the Church, Synod did not deem it necessary to take any further action.

Item 28—Adopted.

Item 29—The following committee was appointed to confer with the committee of the Eastern Synod, on the subject of a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and the Reformed Church of America: Rev. E. V. Gerhart, N. P. Hacke, J. G. Zahner, H. Rust, H. F. Hartman; Elders J. Kroh and H. Lauffer.

Item 30.—This item was referred to the committee consisting of of Rev. J. Steiner, G. B. Russell, and Elder J. T. Blain. The committee presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Special Committee relative to the proposed alteration of Article III, Chapter 3, Part 1, of the Constitution, at the request of the Synod of North America.

1. Your committee have examined with care that part of the Constitution referred to in the report of the committee of the Synod

of the United States, and concur with them in the opinion that the ending of Article 3, Chapter 3, Part 1, of the Constitution, is ambiguous, and needs some change or modification to make it intelligible, harmonize the practise, and produce uniformity throughout the whole Church.

2. They are also of the opinion that the laying on the hands o the ministry the second term, in the event of the re-election of an elder or deacon, connected with the mere service of Installation, carries with it the force of re-ordination, is not in accordance with Apostolic usage, and has a tendency to take away from the solemnity and effect of the service itself.

3. Your committee would therefore respectfully suggest to this Synod, that with the constitutional consent of the classes, the article referred to be so modified as to read, "Before they enter upon the duties of their offices *for the first time*, they are solemnly ordained by prayer and imposition of hands."

In the event of a re-election before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, they are expected to renew their vows, and to be inducted into office by prayer, and the giving of the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Your committee would therefore beg leave to recommend to this Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed modification of Article 3, Chapter 3, Part 1, of the Constitution, be handed down to the classes constituting this Synod, for their approval and acquiescence.

J. STEINER,
GEO. B. RUSSELL,
JOHN T. BLAIN.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence reported. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence would respectfully submit the following Report:

I.—*Calls from Vacant Congregations to Ministers.*

None.

II.—*Petitions and Communications.*

No. 1 is a communication from Rev. J. G. Zahner, in which he

First, Assigns his reasons for not having translated and published the Minutes of the last Synod in the German language, as directed. [Excused.]

Secondly, Proposes to translate and publish the Minutes of the present Synod in the German language, in case it is desired, upon the same conditions under which it was done in 1851 and 1852.

Resolved, That Synod accede to the proposition of Rev. J. G. Zahner, and that the stated Clerk give him due notice thereof.

No. 2 comprises the Minutes of the N. German classis, which contain the request that this Synod request both the Columbiana and N. German classes to dissolve their present existence, and organize a new classis, to be called "St. John's Classis," upon the present territory of Columbiana classis.

This item was referred, in view of its importance, to a committee of nine—six ministers and three elders. The committee consists of Revs. D. Winters, N. P. Hacke, George W. Williard, H. Shaull, I. Gerhart, D. B. Earnst; Elders J. Kroh, J. Jenkins and G. F. Rahauser.

The committee subsequently presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the overture of the N.

German Classis, together with the letter of Father Manenschmidt, and other documents touching upon this subject, respectfully submit the following as their Report:

That they deem the subject one of the most difficult, as well as important, claiming the attention of this reverend body. For three years past this Synod has been endeavoring to devise some plan by which to effect a true and lasting union with their German brethren who were led, years ago, to assume an independent position, for causes not necessary here to refer to. Thus far, however, all attempts have failed to consummate the matter in a regular and constitutional manner. All feel the importance and necessity of the union, and are looking to God for direction and counsel. Much anxiety is also felt by the Church at large in regard to our deliberations upon this all-important subject, fearing that if this Synod fail to consummate this union, all hopes of a future reconciliation will be gone. It is, therefore, not without much careful deliberation and prayer for divine guidance, that your committee present the following resolutions to Synod, with the hope that they may meet the views of brethren on all sides, and unite in lasting ties those who are of the same household of faith:

Resolved, That the Columbiana and N. German classes, both be earnestly and affectionately requested to dissolve their present organization, exercise mutual forbearance towards each other and transact their business as far as practicable in both languages.

Resolved, That the present boundary of the Columbiana classis comprise the territory of the newly constituted classis.

Resolved, That those classes in whose bounds German ministers may reside, be requested to permit them to attach themselves and their charges, for the present at least, to the newly constituted classis, in case they desire to do so, and that the members of Columbiana classis, and those ministers in said classis occupying missionary stations, have permission to connect themselves with adjacent classes.

Resolved, That the Columbiana and North German classes both meet on the 14th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the morning, in Paris, Stark county, Ohio, for the purpose of dissolving their present existence, and organizing themselves into a new classis, under such name as they themselves may mutually agree upon.

Resolved, That the statistics of neither the Columbiana nor N. German classis be embodied in the minutes of Synod; but that the statistics of the newly constituted classis be published in their stead, and that all the ministers who may be embraced in said classes furnish the stated Clerk thereof with their statistical report at the earliest date, so that he may forward them in time to be embodied in the published minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That all the brethren interested in the above arrangement be most earnestly and affectionately urged to fall in with the plan which is here suggested to consummate this important and desirable object.

Respectfully submitted:

DAVID WINTERS,
NICHOLAS P. HACKE,
GEORGE W. WILLIARD.
H. SHAULL,
I. GERHART,
D. B. EARNST,
JACOB KROH,
J. JENKINS,
Committee.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of Synod be instructed forthwith to inform every member of the N. German and Columbiana classes, that these two classes are both required by Synod to meet in Paris, Stark county, Ohio, on the 14th day of June, 1854, and state the object of the meeting, and present, on the day appointed, a complete copy of the proceedings of Synod in the case to each classis.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. B. Leiter be, and hereby is requested to attend on the 14th day of June next, at Paris, where the Columbiana and N. German classes are requested to meet, to dissolve their respective organizations, and to organize a new classis, to assist them in carrying out the proposed action of this Synod.

No. 3 is a letter from the Rev. J. H. Good, containing

First—His resignation of the office of stated Clerk of Synod, in view of his pressing engagements in Heidelberg College.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Rev. J. H. Good be accepted, and that this Synod tender to him its hearty thanks for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Second—His reason for not proposing a form of Church Deeds.

See action of Synod on the Report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

Third—His report as Chairman of the committee to act in concert with a committee from the Eastern Synod, to effect a closer union between the two Synods, in the form of a higher judicatory, to be styled the "General Assembly of the German Reformed Church of America."

See action of Synod under the 13th item, in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

No. 4 is a communication from Father Mahnenschmidt, of Columbiana classis, in which he states that he is not in favor of the dissolution of Columbiana classis, for reasons assigned

This item was referred to the Special Committee on the Minutes of the N. German Classis.

This item was referred to the select committee on the minutes of the N. German Classis. See action of Synod on this subject, under Chapter 2, No. 2, in the report of the Committee on Correspondence.

III. *Complaints and Appeals*

Is a complaint of certain persons against the action of the consistory of the German Reformed congregation of Cincinnati, and of

the Indiana Classis, with the request that Synod will instruct them how they shall proceed to adjust their difficulties.

This item was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Rev. I. Gerhart, H. F. Hartman, and Elder John Rockafield. The committee subsequently reported, when the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That Father Gerhart be a committee to inform the complainants that this Synod cannot constitutionally act upon their case, and that the only way to reach their object, is first to lay their grievances before the consistory of the German Reformed congregation of Cincinnati; and if they are not satisfied with its action, to appeal to the Miami Classis, and through it to the Synod.

IV.—*Letters of Apology from Absent Ministers.*

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. G. Zahner, asking to be excused for not attending upon Synod, for reasons stated. [Excused.]

No. 2 is a letter from the Rev. J. H. Good, making the same request. [Excused.]

No. 3 is a letter from Father Mahnenschmidt, making the same request. [Excused.]

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. G. Zeigler, making the same request. [Excused.]

Respectfully submitted:

J. STEINER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted item by item, and is as follows:

I.—*Irregularities.*

Item 1. Tiffin, Sandusky and Indiana classes have each failed to furnish Synod a copy of their proceedings. [Adopted.]

The minutes of the Tiffin classis arrived on Saturday, and those of Sandusky on Monday.

Item 2. Columbiana classis received Mr. A. J. Excell, a licenciate of Sandusky classis, as an advisory member. [Adopted.]

Item 3. St. Joseph classis dismissed Rev. Joseph Miller to Clarion classis, and then received him again, without having returned to reside within their bounds, but continues to live and labor within the bounds of another classis.

This item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. S. Rickley, D. Winters, and Elder J. Peterson. The committee subsequently reported, when the following resolution was passed at a substitute for the report:

Resolved, That the attention of St. Joseph classis be directed to the apparent irregularity of Rev. J. Miller, in laboring in the bounds of another classis, and in failing to make his annual parochial report.

Item 4. The same classis noticed the subjects referred by Synod to the classes, but took no action on them. The copy of their minutes presented to Synod is very defective. [Adopted.]

Item 5. Miami classis approved the organization of a congregation within its bounds, by a minister who belonged to, and resided in the bounds of another classis, and who was not commissioned a missionary.

Item 6. Same classis resolved that it would make no provision hereafter to defray the expenses of its delegates to the meetings of Synod, and also discharged the committees on Installation, without having discharged the duties assigned them, and without having made any further provisions to have this duty attended to. [Adopted.]

Item 7. Tiffin classis neglected inserting the call for its special meetings in their minutes. [Adopted.]

Item 8. Tiffin, Miami, Columbiana and St. Joseph classes li-

censed young men to preach the Gospel without furnishing Synod any evidence that they were required to sign the constitutional formula. [Adopted.]

Item 9. Sandusky classis received Rev. D. G. Philips on a certificate of dismission from the classis of Miami to the classis of St. Joseph.

Item 10. Sandusky classis approved of the organization of a congregation within its bounds by a minister belonging to the Tiffin classis at the time the organization was effected.

II.—*Requests and Recommendations to Synod.*

1. Columbiana classis requests this Synod to reconsider its action with regard to its dissolution, and to make no change in its present territory.

This item was referred to the Committee on Minutes of the N. German Classis.

2. Westmoreland classis requests Synod to modify its action in Neriah, instructing the stated Clerks of the different classes to inform the elders of the Church of their right to be present at our ecclesiastical meeting, by publishing their names, by striking out all after "and publish said names," &c., and inserting in its place, "and that their ministers respectively inform them of their right to be present as advisory members, and urge their attendance." The request was granted.

3. St. Joseph, Miami and Sandusky classes request Synod to reconsider its action in reference to the proposed new liturgy.

See the action of Synod, on the Liturgy, under the 17th item, in the report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

4. Miami classis requests Synod to reconsider its action in regard to the change of the time of holding its meeting, from fall to spring.

See action of Synod on the time of meeting.

5. The same classis requests Synod to reconsider its action respecting the creation of a higher judicatory, to be styled "The General Assembly of the German Reformed Church."

This item was referred to the committee appointed to act in concert with a committee from the Eastern Synod on this subject.

6. The same classis requests Synod to take measures to publish a new hymn book, for the use of public worship.

Resolved, That Synod deem it inexpedient to comply with this request.

7. Sandusky, Tiffin and Westmoreland classes have requested Synod to continue to hold its annual sessions in the spring, instead of fall.

See action of Synod on the time of meeting.

8. Tiffin classis approves of the construction of a new liturgy, but is unwilling to decide, beforehand, what it will adopt.

See action of Synod on the Liturgy.

9. The same classis approves the action of Synod to establish a higher judicatory, to be called "The General Assembly of the German Reformed Church."

Referred to the committee on this subject.

10. Clarion classis respectfully requests Synod to excuse it from furnishing a statistical report, for the reason the year is incomplete, and requests that last year's report be published in the Minutes of Synod. [Acceded to.]

11. The same classis complains that Synod noticed Miami, Lancaster and Tiffin, but not Clarion, as having complied with the request of Synod, in the appointment of delegates to Synod who will remain until the close of its sessions, the payment of its Synodical apportionment, the raising of candidates for the Gospel ministry, and making provisions for the immediate use of the Seminary. [Adopted.]

12. The same classis resolved that Synod be respectfully requested to instruct its stated Clerk not to add any names to the list of its ministerial members, as has been done in the present year's minutes—adding the name of Rev. Joseph Miller, who is not, and has not been a member of this classis. [Adopted.]

III —*References to Classes.*

1. Columbiana classis refused to comply with the request of Synod, to dissolve its organization.

Referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the North German Classis

2 Columbiana, Lancaster, Westmoreland, Tiffin, Sandusky and Miami classes, resolved to comply with the recommendation of Synod, to establish the "monthly concert" of prayer, and to lift collections for domestic and foreign missions, as far as practicable

3. Columbiana, Tiffin, Lancaster, Sandusky, Miami, Clarion and Westmoreland classes resolved to comply with the request, to seek out young men for the ministry, and also to lift collections for beneficiary education.

4. Columbiana, Lancaster, Tiffin, Sandusky, St Joseph, Miami, Clarion and Westmoreland classes have made provisions to meet their Synodical apportionments.

5. Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandusky and Clarion classes have taken measures to increase the circulation of the Western Missionary.

6. Lancaster and Westmoreland classes, by a resolution, continued their members of the different boards during the present year.

7. Lancaster, Sandusky, Tiffin, Westmoreland, Miami and Clarion classes resolved to comply with the request to lift collections for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

8. Westmoreland, Tiffin, Sandusky, Miami and Clarion classes have complied with the request of Synod, in reference to the organization of historical societies.

9. Miami, Westmoreland, Tiffin, Sandusky and Clarion classes, resolved to comply with the request to co-operate with Prof. Gerhart, in procuring moneys and books for the Seminary library.

10. Miami classis declines complying with Synod's request, to keep a roll of all the elders within its bounds, publish their names before each meeting of calssis or Synod, nforming them of their right to be present as advisory members.

11. Miami, Westmoreland, Clarion, Tiffin, Sandusky and Lancaster classes complied with the request of Synod to change the time of the meeting of their classes.

12. Sandusky classis resolved, that after the wants of its misionary station at Massillon had been provided for, all other moneys raised by this classis for domestic missions be paid into the Treasury of the parent Board of Domestic Missions.

13. The same classis refuses to comply with Synod's request to dissolve its "Classical Missionary Society."

IV.—*Licensure, Ordinations, Receptions and Dismissions.*

1. Miami classis licensed Mr. Levi Rike, and dismissed Rev. John Rike to Lancaster classis.

2. Columbiana classis licensed Mr. M. E. Stewart; dismissed him to the Mercersburg classis, and the Rev. N. E. Gilds to the Clarion classis.

3. Lancaster classis dismissed Mr. J. Klingler to the classis of Tiffin.

4. Westmoreland classis licensed Mr. John McConnell, and received the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, from the classis of Lancaster, Pa.

5. St. Joseph classis licensed and ordained J. B. Kissell, and received Rev. Joseph Miller.

6. Classis of Tiffin licensed J. Brecht, J. H. Klein, F. C. Bauman, F. C. Swartz and M. C. Bentz; ordained J. Brecht, J. H. Klein, H. Ruetenick, and dismissed Rev. H. Shaull to the classis of Sandusky.

7. Classis of Clarion dismissed Rev. George Wolff to the Susquehanna classis.

8. Classis of Sandusky licensed E. F. Loeders and A. J. Excell; ordained E. F. Loeders; received Rev. H. Shaull and D. G. Philips; and dismissed Rev. A. Stump to the classis of Miami, and Rev. J. M. Dixon to the M. E. Church.

v.—*Time and Place of the Annual Meetings of Classes.*

1. Clarion classis meets in St. Paul's Church, Fairview township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the third Friday in October, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M: Rev. D. Leberman, President, and Rev. H. F. Hartman, Secretary. This classis wants 120 copies of the Minutes of Synod, in the English, and 75 German to be sent to each minister, through the mail.

1. Tiffin Classis meets at Galion, Crawford county, Ohio, on the last Thursday of October, 1854: E. V. Gerhart, President, H. J. Ruetenick, Stated Clerk.

3. Sandusky Classis meets at Clear Creek Church, in the Savanna charge, on the last Saturday of October, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M: Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, and Rev. J. C. Klar, Stated Clerk.

4. Lancaster Classis meets at Union Church, Franklin county, Ohio, on the first Thursday after the first quarter of the moon, in October, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M: Rev. H. Williard, President, and I. S. Weisz, Stated Clerk.

5. Columbiana Classis meets at Washingtonville, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the second Wednesday preceding the Sabbath during which the Synod of 1855 will be in session, at 8 o'clock, A. M: Rev. P. J. Spangler, President, and A. Wanner, Stated Clerk. This classis wants ten copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English, and six in the German language.

6 Westmoreland Classis meets at Wellersburg, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the last Thursday in September, 1854, at 10 o'clock, A. M: Rev. C. F. Hoffmeir, President, and S. H Geisy, Stated Clerk. This classis wants 63 English, and 43 German copies of the Minutes of Synod.

7. St. Joseph Classis meets at Clinton, Union county, Indiana, on the last Thursday before the full moon, in January, 1855, at 6 o'clock, P M: Rev. E. Spangler, President, and Wm. M. Reed, Stated Clerk.

7. Miami Classis meets in David's Church, in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the second Thursday of October, 1854, at 2 o'clock, P. M: Rev. D. Winters President, and William K. Zieber, Stated Clerk.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

H. SHAULL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Committee on Examination reported, through its Chairman, Rev. D. Winters, that there were no applications.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion, respectfully submit the following Report:

The documents placed in the hands of your committee, are the reports on religion, of seven out of the nine classes in connection with this Synod. These reports are for the most part very brief, some of them merely referring to their former reports upon the subject. This is owing to the recent change of the time of the meeting of Synod, from fall to spring, and to the short time that has elapsed since the presentation of the former reports. Under such circumstances, it cannot be expected that your committee will present as full a report as was usually presented on former occasions.

Your committee are also of opinion that the object had in view—viz., the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod—can be best obtained by bringing together what the several reports say on the subject, and by permitting them to speak in their own language.

The Classical Report of Miami says: "The parochial reports give evidence that God has not left us without witness of his goodness and abounding grace. Several new congregations have been organized, and several new churches have been erected, and dedicated to the service of God, since our last meeting. The accessions to our membership has proportionably kept pace with that of former years. And the majority of the pastors report that the attention upon public worship, and the interest taken in the services of the sanctuary, is increasing. Meetings for prayers, and Sabbath Schools, receive generally that careful attention they demand.

The Classical Report of Lancaster says: "The Gospel has been preached in its purity. The instruction of the youth by catechization has been generally attended to, and is still continuing to receive more respect from our people generally. The causes of dissension and discord which prevailed to so great an extent a few years ago, have now in a great measure been removed. Peace and harmony prevail within our bounds.

The Classical Report of Clarion says: "The state of religion and morals within the bounds of Clarion classis is onward and upward. There is evidently in our midst an increased confidence in the Church of Christ, and in the means of grace."

The Classical Report of Columbiana says: "From the parochial reports of the brethren, it appears that in the bounds of their several charges, the stated means of grace are regularly attended, and we doubt not, to the edification and spiritual growth of the congregations under their care."

The Classical Report of St. Joseph says: "The public preaching has been, as a general thing, well attended, and the Word, as preached, has evidently been accompanied with the influence of the Holy Spirit, for copious showers of divine grace have been poured out upon a number of congregations within our bounds, in consequence of which many a drooping soul has been revived, and a number who were in darkness, and dead in trespasses and sins, have been brought to light and life in Christ. Evangelical piety seems

to have been on the increase. Prayer meetings have been pretty generally introduced. Family religion, it would seem, has been regarded, by many at least, not only to be a duty, but a privilege."

The Classical Report of Westmoreland does not report any thing of special interest, but remarks that the brethren find sufficient cause for gratitude to God, and encouragement to labor with unabated courage in the vineyard of the Lord.

The Classical Report of Tiffin says: "We are not without any indication of the divine favor and blessing. Cases of awakening have occurred in one of the charges. Congregations have been supplied, and new missions have been commenced during the year, and thus far successfully carried forward." The report also states, that as far as practicable the missionaries and supplies have devoted particular attention to the instruction of the children and youth of the Church. Whilst this Scriptural method is regarded as the most reliable and efficient—as the only wise mode to build up the Church permanently—special care is taken to lead every catechumen by this mode directly to Christ crucified, as the only way of true salvation, and to avoid all the abuses of lifeless formality.

Although this is but an imperfect sketch of the state of religion within the bounds of this Synod, owing, as was already remarked, to the absence of several Classical Reports, and the brevity of those placed in the hands of your committee, yet it affords sufficient cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for his kindness and condescension towards us.

But if there be cause for rejoicing on the one hand, there is also cause for sorrow on the other. One Classical Report says there exists among pastors and people a marked difference in views and customs. There are those who would remain close to the ancient customs of the Church, and others who occupy to some extent a different position. This diversity strikingly appears in the views entertained, and practices prevailing with regard to catechization. Another report complains that "the means of grace are still too lightly appreciated by many—that there is too little closet prayer; that

family religion, on the part of many, is too much neglected, whilst meetings for social prayer and Sabbath Schools are not attended as they really deserve." Another report makes mention of the mere profession of the religion of Jesus Christ, without the possession of the same—indifference to the means of grace, and the absence, in some measure, of a self-consciousness of the word and religion of our blessed Lord. Another report says, "Classis has much reason to regret that the regular catechization of our young people is not regarded with greater favor, and that consequently many of our young people remain uninstructed, and unwilling to enter the Church according to the established custom of the same." Another classis says, that while measures are taken "to have the congregations regularly supplied with the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the sacraments, catechetical instruction, family visitation, and weekly meetings for prayer and lecture, have unavoidably received but little attention. Comparatively few additions have been made to the communion of the Church, and the interests of vital godliness are suffering greatly." This is owing to the want of a regular and stated ministry.

Such are the evils complained of as existing within the bounds of those classes that have reported. But they are not all that might be complained of, nor all that call for renewed diligence and exertion on the part of the ministry and membership of the Church, to effect their removal. In addition to the above, your committee would call attention to the following, which should deeply humble us before God:

The general neglect on the part of parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The very limited number of pious young men now preparing, or willing to prepare themselves for the Gospel ministry.

The small amount contributed by members generally to the benevolent and other institutions, and enterprises of the Church.

The seemingly little interest which the Church in general feels for, and takes in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the

supplying of the destitute portions of our Reformed Zion with ministers of the Gospel.

In view of these evils, it becomes us to humble ourselves before God, not only in our individual, but also in our collective capacity as a Church; and while our united prayer ascends to a throne of grace, in the language of one of old—"O! Lord, wilt thou not revive us again—in the midst of the years make known—in wrath remember mercy?" Let each one ask, in the language of Saul of Tarsus, "Lord, what wilt thou have *me* to do?" And when that will becomes known, let *each one*, like Saul—not confer with flesh and blood, but *do* according to that will, and the ability that God has given him; and let *all* go forward, unitedly, perseveringly, laboring in hope, trusting in God, and bowing in humble submission to his sovereign will.

Since the last meeting of Synod, another laborer has been called from the vineyard of the Lord—namely, the Rev. P. Bruecker, of Tiffin classis, who closed his earthly career in the triumphs of the Christian faith, and we trust has entered into that rest prepared for the people of God.

Respectfully submitted:

W. CONRAD,
J. PENCE,
L. D. LEBERMAN,
JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN,
JNO. SCHRECKENGAST.

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The old Board having been re-elected at the last Synod, the organization remained the same. The Board has endeavored to be

faithful in the trust committed to its charge, and although it has been untiring in its efforts to collect the outstanding dues of the Seminary, and to pay the salary of our Professor regularly, we are sorry to say that we have not succeeded according to our wishes, nor the wants of the case. Only a small proportion of the notes taken by our agent, a few years ago, has been collected during the past year, whilst the interest on the Plainfield bonds remains to a great extent unpaid. The Synod itself is about one hundred dollars in arrears to the Board for the immediate use of the Seminary, which has rendered it impossible for the Board to meet its demands regularly. We refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer for the exact state of the finances of the Board. We trust that the Synod will adopt some measures by which the Board will hereafter be enabled to meet its liabilities more punctually than it has hitherto been able to do.

The Board permitted, during the past year, Mr. John Jenkins and Rev. J. Hines to change their bonds into scholarships, believing that it was for the interest of the Church, as well as for the individuals themselves, that the change should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. W. WILLIARD,

President of the Board.

II.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

JOHN T. BLAIR, *Treasurer*,

In account with *Seminary German Reformed Church*, Dr.

1853.		
	Balance on hand as per Report of last year	$ 9 95
Sept. 21.	N Ritterman, his part bond of N & J J R	25 00
"	Thomas Beall, on note $25	10 00
"	Rev B S Schneck, amount bond in full	100 00
"	Tobias Espach, on his note	5 00
"	George Doudel, part of his bond	25 00
Sept. 30.	William Etting, on note	5 00
"	Nicholas Lutz, on note	5 00
"	B. Bower, on note	2 50

Dec. 31.	C Shearer, on note	$10 00
"	John Allen, on note	5 00
"	Susan Pence, on note	10 00
"	Catharine Campbell, on note	5 00
"	Samuel Baker, on note	10 00
"	Revel Rock, on note	10 00
"	Wiley Jenkins, on note	5 00
"	John Nicholas, on note	10 00
1854.		
Jan'y 10.	Isaac Vancleaf, on note	5 00
"	Adam Hawker, on note	5 00
"	D H Prugh, on note	5 00
"	Peter Cost, on note	5 00
"	— Frick, on note	5 00
Feb'y 4.	John Miller, on note	5 00
Feb'y 8.	Michael Schmuts, on note	5 00
"	J Mussellman, on note	5 00
"	Adam Rader, on note	5 00
"	Thomas Beall, on note	5 00
"	Levi Wilkins, on note	10 00
Feb. 18.	D Speicher, on note	5 00
"	D Rader, on note	5 00
Mar. 31.	Mrs J Huiet, on note	5 00
May 1.	Mrs "A B," on note, per Rev W K Zieber	5 00
"	J Leiter, on note	5 00
"	Levi Mease, on note	5 00
"	Lewis Mease, jr, on note	5 00
April 24.	John Himes, on note	25 00
"	Mary Himes, on note	5 00
May 6.	Joseph Brubaker, on note	10 00
		$387 45

	Cs.
By amount paid for collecting funds, when there was no Pastor in charge	$8 00
By amount used of this fund, for the use of the Professor, to be refunded	160 00
By temporary loan to Prof E V Gerhart	47 72
By amount loaned Dr. G W Maris	105 00
By amount on hand	66 73
	$387 45

FUND FOR PROFESSOR'S SALARY.

1853.		
	Balance on hand, as per last report	$ 6 96
Sept. 22.	Collected in Greensburg, (Pa.) con., for immediate use	3 00
"	" Salem and Yorkey's do do	3 00
"	Abel Peterson, interest on bond	3 00
"	A. Faber, do	4 80
"	John Haddleson, do	6 00
"	Rev B S Schneck, do	18 00
Oct. 21.	A & J Mast and Eliza Albert, interest on bond	3 90

Oct. 21.	Mrs Amelia Schmertz, int. on bond	$6 00
"	John Dietz, do	3 00
Oct. 23.	John Reedy, sr, do	3 00
"	Rev Jesse Steiner do	6 00
Nov. 21.	Collected in Salem's con., Miami classis, for immediate use.	5 00
" 26.	Rev S B Leiter, interest on bond	6 00
" 28.	J Fenstermaker do	3 00
Dec'r 8.	Moses Shearer, do	5 00
"	William A Charles do	3 00
"	Rev P C Prugh do	2 00
1854.		
Jan'y 10.	Interest on notes in Union charge, Miami classis	2 00
"	Rev D Winters, interest on bond	6 00
"	P Batdorf do	6 00
"	S Hagenbaugh do	3 00
"	Henry Butt do	3 00
Jan. 25.	John Foulke, for immediate use	2 00
"	Father Orum, do do	1 00
"	George Carl, interest on bond	3 00
Feb'y 15	S Rhodes and J Feeman, interest on bond	6 00
"	D Wilkins, interest on bond	12 00
"	J Anderson and J Templar, interest on bond	3 00
"	Jacob Kuhn, for immediate use	1 00
Feb'y 18	J Mouser, interest on bond	6 00
"	J Sonnedecker, do	3 00
Feb'y 21	J Kuhn, do	3 00
March 3.	N Fawky do	3 00
" 14.	Rev J Hines, do	7 00
" 27.	Collection in Clay's congregation, for immediate use	3 26
"	Do New London do do	7 60
"	Do Sider's do do	2 29
May 1.	J Leiss, interest on bond	3 00
"	H Brehm, interest on bond	3 00
"	Michael Hewit, interest on bond	3 00
"	Israel Staley do	12 00
May 8.	George Shaffer	3 00
"	Dr George W Maris, interest on loan	18 50
"	John L Gill do	31 50
"	Rev E V Gerhart, interest on bond	12 00
"	Rev E V Gerhart, interest on loan	36 90
"	Rev Dr Bomberger, col. for immediate use	4 20
		$300 31

	Cr.
By amount balance paid Professor Gerhart on salary for year ending June 1, 1853	$170 83
By amount paid on salary, part for year ending June 1, 1854	275 00
	$445 83

The Treasurer would state that the treasury is much embarrassed. The Board owes Prof. Gerhart about $300 on his salary for the year ending June, 1854. This is in a great measure owing

to the fact that quite a large number of those who have given Plainfield bonds have not paid their interest punctually. The Treasurer has written to many of them, but has in a majority of cases received no answer. Professor Gerhart is depending upon his salary for his support. Thus far the Board has been unable to meet his salary.

Some measures should therefore be adopted, so as to relieve the Board from its embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted:

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treasurer.*

III.—*Report of the Committee on the Library.*

Since the meeting of the last Synod, very little has been done for the increase of the Library. The shelves have been put up, and the books set out and properly arranged. It is ascertained, however, that the number of volumes is several hundred less than was at first estimated, though the value and adaptedness of the books to our Seminary, will sustain all the representations that have been published. One of the students—Mr. I. H. Reiter—has been appointed Librarian. He has numbered and classified the books, and has with great care prepared a complete catalogue.

Rev. J. G. Zahner continues his liberal aid towards this cause. Last fall he forwarded a box containing thirty or forty volumes contributed by himself and his congregation at Ragersville. He promises some further donations soon. The Seminary feels greatly indebted to him for his earnest co-operation.

In my last report, I stated that, as the result of Rev. N. Gehr's efforts in Europe, another box was expected from Basle, Switzerland. This box did not arrive until last week. It contains a liberal contribution from Rev. Mr. Zimmerman, and others in that city. The charges for freight, etc., amounted to nearly twenty-six dollars.

From the accompanying statement it will be seen that but a pittance has come into my hands since the meeeting of the last Synod.

In consequence, I have not been able to liquidate any liabilities, and have even been under the necessity of borrowing money in order to pay charges on the last box. Besides, one of the commission houses at Tiffin made a mistake, as has since been discovered, of $10 against the Library, at a settlement had previous to my former report. The Library therefore owed, actually, $10 more than was reported. The present liabilities are as follows:

Due Arnold & Tomb, Tiffin Ohio, (borrowed money)	$50 00
Due Printing establishment, Chambersburg, (binding books)	11 90
Due Carter & Brothers, New York, (books purchased)	10 00
Due Mr. Boyce, Tiffin, Ohio, for freight	10 00
Total	$81 90

Deducting the sum of $14 48, being funds in the treasury, there remains a debt of $66 42. I commend this subject to the attention of the Convention, trusting that immediate measures will be taken to make up this small amount, and relieve the Library of all embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted:

E. V. GERHART.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart,

1853	In account with Library Fund, Theological Seminary,		Dr.
Oct. 4.	To balance in treasury		$10 86
" 4.	To cash received from Rev. H. Hoffman		2 50
" 18.	To cash received from Rev. J. G. Zahner, per Treasurer Synod		3 70
" 24.	To cash from Rev. S. H. Giesy	$0 50	2 50
" 24.	Do. collected in his charge	2 00	
May 15	To cash from elder John Risser, per Rev. Woehler		3 00
" 24.	Cash borrowed from Arnold & Tomb		25 00
			$47 56

Rev. E. V. Gerhart,

1853.	In account with Library Fund Theological Seminary,	Cr.
Oct'r 27.	By postage	$ 47
Nov. 18.	Discount at bank, note renewed	0 64
" 23.	Freight on package from Carter, N. Y.	0 88
Dec. 12.	Postage	0 65
Jan. 10.	By cash to G. F. Schneider, bookseller, in Basle, Switzerland, expenses of shipping box	2 82
Mar. 4.	Discount on note renewed at bank	0 74
May 24.	Discount on another note	0 74
May 24.	Charges on box from Basle, Switzerland	25 79
		$33 72
	Balance in treasury	$13 84
		$47 56

IV.—*Report of Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary have carefully examined the papers placed in their hands, and would respectfully submit the following Report: [Which was adopted.]

Prof. E. V. Gerhart, in the full confidence of the entire Church, still continues to perform the duties devolving upon his office faithfully and earnestly. Eight students will be dismissed from the Seminary this summer, prepared for the office of the Gospel ministry.

From the Report of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, it appears our Seminary is not sustained to the extent it should be, thus seriously embarrassing the pecuniary interests of the Professor. Your committee would therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That each minister in the bounds of this Synod make it a matter of conscience to collect the outstanding dues on Plainfield bonds and notes in his charge, and take up collections for the immediate use of the Seminary.

With regard to the library of the Seminary, your committee

would express their regret that so little has been done during the year in aid of its funds and the increase of its books, and would recommend, inasmuch as the debt resting upon it requires immediate attention, that something be done at once to remove it.

Your committee would call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Board of Visitors of the Seminary have presented no report of their operations during the year.

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

In view of the pecuniary embarrassment of the Seminary, it was

Resolved, 1, That an effort be made on the floor of Synod to raise funds for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

Whereupon about $300 was secured in cash and pledges from the following persons and charges: Rev. H. Shaull, $10; George W. Williard, $5; G. B. Russell, $10; F. W. Dechant, $10; S. H. Giesy, $10; D. Winters, 25; J. Hoyman, $10; A. Wanner, $10; N. P. Hacke, $10; Cæsar's Creek charge, $10; Somerset charge, $10; Highland charge, $10; Union charge, $10; Navarre charge, $10; Basil charge, $10; Lithopolis charge, $10; Fairfield charge, $10; Millville charge, $5; Xenia charge, $10; Neriah charge, $5; Rev. F. Wise, $10; L. D. Leberman, $15; H. Hoffman, $5; B. Knepper, $5; N. E. Gilds, $10; I. Gerhart, $5; J. B. Thompson, $5; Tiffin charge, $10; D. Kiehl, Esq., $5; Joseph Cort, $5; H. Lauffer, $5; Rev. H. F. Hartman, $10; and H. Voigt, $5.

Resolved, 2, That the editor of the Western Missionary be requested to call the attention of absent brethren to this matter, and urge upon them to unite in the effort, so as to make it general, and so bring effectual relief

With regard to the library debt, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to apportion the sum of $100 among the different classes of this Synod, so as to liquidate the debt now resting upon it.

The committee consists of Rev. G. B. Russell, J. Richards, and Elder M. Sachsman.

The committee presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to which was referred the apportionment of the debt on the Library, beg leave to report as follows:

In the judgment of the committee, the following amounts are as fairly proportioned as the nature of the case, in view of the liberal contributions already made by the members of some of the several classes, will allow:

Miami classis	$20 00	Clarion classis	$11 00
Lancaster classis	15 00	Sandusky classis	5 00
Tiffin classis	12 00	St. Joseph's classis	5 00
New classis (N. G. and C.)	15 00	Indiana classis	3 00
Westmoreland classis	14 00		
Total			$100 00

The committee would recommend that the Synod urge the several classes to meet promptly these apportionments, and pay them over to Prof. Gerhart as early as possible, so that the debt be liquidated. Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBURG COLLEGE.

The Committee on Heidelburg College presented the following Report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Heidelburg College beg leave respectfully to report, that no documents have been placed into the hands of your committee, and they must therefore make a report from information received from other sources. So far as could be expected, the institution is in a flourishing condition, and deserves the patronage of the Church and the community. In view, how-

ever, of the increasing number of students, and the fact that there are too few teachers, your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Heidelburg College be requested to secure, as soon as practicable, additional instructors.

Respectfully submitted:

S. S. RICKLY.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The following Report was received from the Board, and referred to the Committee on Missions:

The Board of Domestic Missions begs leave respectfully to offer to Synod the subjoined Report:—

The operations of the Board, as at present constituted, embrace a period of seven months and a half—since the last meeting of Synod at Neriah Church, Michigan. During this time we have endeavored, as far as our opportunities and resources would permit, to push forward the work committed to us. By correspondence with brethren in various portions of the Church, and more publicly through the "Western Missionary," we have solicited information with regard to our destitute fields, and openings for missionary operations. By the use of the same means, and by addressing, besides, circulars to the different classes, we have sought to awaken increased interest in the cause of missions. Our efforts in these directions have not been altogether fruitless, though a more general co-operation on the part of the Church would not only have been more agreeable to the Board, but what is of more account, would have rendered it much more efficient.

We do not deem it necessary to refer to any extent to the missionary fields in the West, as yet unoccupied by our Church. Con-

cerning many of them we have not that definite information which would enable us to speak of their importance and wants. The claims of others have from time to time been made known through our Church papers. We shall therefore confine ourselves principally to the missionaries under our care.

1. The Rev. George Long continues his labors as missionary at Indianapolis, Indiana. This station is under the joint care of the Eastern and Western Boards. The appropriations of the Western Board for the current year, ending January 1, 1855, is $40. This congregation, though organized but two years ago, is in a flourishing condition. An effort is now being made to liquidate the debt contracted in the erection of their house of worship, which effort promises to be successful. Brother Long entertains the hope that in a short time, with the assistance of a congregation he is about organizing in the vicinity of Indianapolis, his charge will be self-supporting.

2. The Cincinnati congregation, served by Rev. H. Rust, also under the care of both Boards, has received an appropriation from the Western Board, for the year ending May 1, 1854, of $100. This appropriation has not yet been renewed. The congregation requires, however, still further assistance. Its heavy Church debt, though being gradually reduced, will prevent it from becoming self-supporting for some years to come. This congregation is steadily increasing in membership, and is exerting a happy influence upon a considerable portion of the German population of Cincinnati. Bro. Rust is laboring earnestly for the spread of true Christianity, amid much opposition from German Rationalists and Infidels. He and his congregation have been publicly assailed by the Rationalistic press, which has had the effect of cementing the congregation, of binding the people more closely to their pastor, and of giving him and it a desirable and prominent position in the community.

3. The Rev. H. G. Ruetenik was commissioned by the Board as missionary at Toledo and vicinity, on the 1st of October, 1853, at a salary of $100 per annum. He labored there six months before

he applied for assistance. His field is one of much promise. Toledo and vicinity are rapidly filling up with a foreign German population, the evangelical portion of which has been hitherto comparatively destitute of the means of grace. Four congregations have been organized, viz: at Toledo, Maumee City, Perrysburg, and one in Wood county, Ohio. At Toledo, they were erecting, during the past winter, a frame Church edifice, of suitable dimensions, which is probably by this time finished and occupied by the congregation.

4. The former Board had made an appropriation of $50 for one year, to the German congregation at Arnheim, Brown county, Ohio, to assist it in obtaining and supporting a pastor. The Rev. J. Dahlman became pastor on the 1st of September, 1853. This congregation is weak, and has little or no prospect of increase. In view of our limited resources, and the urgent calls for aid from more promising fields, we may be under the necessity of declining to renew our appropriation to this station.

5. The Rev. H. Shaull removed to Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, in the month of July, 1853, believing it to be a promising field for missionary operations. He received a commission from this Board in October, with an appropriation, for one year, of $100, commencing August 1st, 1853. He obtains $100 additional missionary aid, viz.—$50 from the Eastern Board, and the like sum from the Missionary Society of Sandusky classis. Soon after Bro. Shaull removed to Massillon, he succeeded in organizing a congregation. A church edifice has also been purchased, and earnest efforts are being made, by soliciting contributions from the Church at large, to pay for it. At the expiration of six months, Brother Shaull notified the Board that he no longer needed its assistance, as Dr. J. F. Mesick, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Rev. N. A. Keyes, of Lancaster, Pensylvania, and Dr. E. Heiner, of Baltimore, Maryland, had entered into arrangements to support the Massillon station. But $50 have therefore been paid by this Board. Having since received no report from Brother Shaull, we are not able to state the present condition of that congregation.

6. An appropriation of $30, for one year, ending November 1st, 1854, was made to the Elkhart County Mission, State of Indiana, served by Rev. A. J. Rutan. He receives also $50 from the Eastern Synod. The charge consists of three organized congregations, but one of which has a house of worship. Brother Rutan has a laborious field, having much riding to do in attending to his congregations, and being compelled to be frequently absent from his family. He meets with considerable success, and has encouraging prospects.

7. The Rev. J. Vogt was commissioned to labor in Darke county, Ohio, with a salary of $50 per year. He entered his field on the 1st day of January, 1854. He has succeeded in organizing a congregation of — members. They are about erecting a church edifice. As Brother Vogt has a large field before him, and has much experience in missionary labor, we may look for encouraging results in the future.

8. The former Board made an appropriation of $50, for one year, to the Port Jefferson charge, Ohio, to induce a pastor to settle in their midst. The Rev. A. Stump accepted, lately, a call from the charge, and has entered upon the work.

In compliance with the directions of Synod, the Board extended a call to the Rev. J. Rebaugh, of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, Superintendent elect of missions, offering him a salary of $600 per annum. He desired time until Spring for consideration. Up to this date he has not informed us of his decision.

In the meantime, the Board made some effort to send out exploring missionaries for short periods, to explore fields to which our attention had been more particularly directed. The inclement weather of the past winter, and the bad state of the roads, proved obstacles to our success in this direction. Yet, two fields were thus explored. The President of the Board, at his own expense, visited, and partly explored, Wells county, Indiana. Portions of said county are thickly settled by members of the Reformed Church, who are very desirous of obtaining a minister, and will do considerable towards his support. The Board has made an appropriation

to that field, of $75 per annum. Repeated, but fruitless efforts were made during the winter to send thither a missionary. A few weeks ago, however, the Rev. F. W. Dechant accepted a commission to visit the field, with a view of locating there. His traveling expenses are to be borne by the Board. He is now there, and writes that he is disposed to accept a permanent commission.

Previous to his visit to Wells county, Brother Dechant was sent as exploring missionary to Shelby county, Indiana, the Board to pay his traveling expenses. He visited quite a number of points, and found various openings for missionary operations. A missionary should be sent there at an early day. It is believed he would need support from the Board for one or two years only, by which time a self-sustaining charge could be formed.

Appeals for a missionary have come from various other quarters, to which we were compelled, for want of means, to return an unfavorable response. Ministers of our Church in the field have also asked for assistance, but we were unable to grant their request. Several ministerial brethren were willing to enter specified fields, on condition of receiving assistance from the Board.

The Eastern Board of Missions has thirteen missionaries located in the West, under its care, viz: At Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Akron, Massillon, Cincinnati, and 2d Church at Columbus, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Indianapolis and Elkhart, Indiana; Patton, Missouri; Colon, Michigan; Milwaukie and Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The aid extended to these missions is $1200 per annum. Four of these are supported also by the Western Board, as above stated. As there are objections to the joint support of the same stations, it has been agreed upon between the two Boards, that hereafter, all *new* points taken up shall be under the sole care of one or the other Board.

It is due, in this connection, gratefully to acknowledge the readiness of the Eastern Board to render assistance to our missionary fields in the West. It is in this way doing great service to the West-

ern Church. By mutual understanding, both Boards inform each other of all important business transacted by each.

From the accompanying report of the Treasurer, it will be seen that the actual receipts into the treasury have increased upon those of former years. It is worthy of observation, also, that two-thirds of the whole amount received has come from the bounds of Miami classis, and from charges that have before this contributed comparatively little to domestic missions. With the exception of a small sum, the entire amount received has been at the disposal of the Board, and has been applied to the support, directly, of missionaries, which has not been the case heretofore. A number of pledges lately given have not yet been paid. Collections to a considerable amount are now being taken, which will probably not reach the missionary treasury until after the meeting of Synod. Had the pledges and collections referred to, been paid over in time for this Report, the receipts into the treasury would have amounted to nearly $700, full twice the amount actually received during any previous year.

The classis of Indiana collected, during the year, about $80 for missions, which sum has been cast into the treasury of the Eastern Board, by which most of its charges are sustained. Said classis has resolved to contribute a like sum to the Western Board during the coming year.

Although this financial exhibit is in some respects encouraging, affording, as it does, evidence of advance, and proving what could be done, were a general effort made, yet is it in other respects humiliating. How little, after all, is done by our Western Church for missions! How few congregations manifest any interest at all in the cause! We do not lack in pecuniary ability, for in this particular we will compare favorably with most denominations in the West, of equal numerical strength. The reason—or, as it should be called, the fault—of our not doing more, has other grounds. Surely, we have every possible inducement to take a deeper interest in missionary operations. An extensive and inviting field lies open before us. Our brethren, spiritually destitute, are calling upon us

for assistance. Numerous openings present themselves among the foreign German population in the West. Besides, God has richly blessed every effort we have thus far put forth in this direction. The bread cast upon the waters is already beginning to return to us. Facts like these should excite us to put forth our full energy and ability in the work entrusted to us by the Great Head of the Church.

The classis of Sandusky has a missionary society of its own, and does not transmit its collections to the treasury of Synod's Board. We would suggest that this classis should conduct its operations through the parent Board, as this can be done without detriment to the missionary points within its bounds.

Wherever congregational missionary societies have been organised, the contributions to missions have increased. We would therefore suggest to Synod the propriety of adopting such measures as will eventuate in the organization of such a society in every congregation under its control. It might operate favorably were the system of life memberships of the Board of Missions instituted. By defining and granting certain priviliges to life members, there would be more inducement to enter into such a relation, and thus the receipts into the missionary treasury might be correspondingly increased.

The number of members of the Board elected by Synod is too small, for but seldom do any but these attend its meetings; so that the Board is driven to the alternative of either not acting at all, or acting without a constitutional quorum. More care should also be taken in the selection of members by Synod, so that their places of residence may not be so far apart as they heretofore have been. The Executive Committee at least should reside at one point, so that it could be called together at short notice, as necessity may demand. The present Board has been compelled to labor under many disadvantages in this respect, the members of its executive committee being obliged to consume two days in going to and from its meetings.

The present constitution of the Board is defective in several particulars. It would be advantageous, had it the power to form its own constitution and laws, subject to the revision of Synod.

With these facts and suggestions we close our report, praying that God in his goodness would instil into our hearts increasing interest in the cause of missions, to His own praise and glory.

W. K. ZIEBER, *President.*

Miamisburg, May 18, 1854.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

In account with WILLIAM HOFF, Treasurer.

1853.		Cr.
Sept. 26.	By balance in the treasury at settlement last year.....	$ 99 66
Oct'r 15.	From Rev G Ziegler, coll. in charge for Louisville station...	15 00
"	Do do do do Sheboygan do ...	15 00
"	From Mr. Houk, Canaan, Wayne Co., O., for Toledo station	5 00
"	From Rev R R Salters, collection duri g meeting of Synod	8 00
"	From Rev C F Hoffmeier, collected in charge.....	7 00
"	From Mr M Zimmerman, Treas. Westmoreland classis.....	23 20
Oct'r 24.	From Rev J Vogt, collected in St Paul's congregation.....	5 85
"	From W E Schmertz, Pittsburg, donation.	10 00
Oct'r 29.	From Rev A Wanner, collected in charge.....	6 00
Dec'r 6.	From Rev J Vogt, collected in Elk congregation.....	5 00
Dec'r 19.	From Rev W K Zieber, collected in Salem's congregation..	6 13
1854.		
Jan'y 2.	From Rev J Vogt, collected in Bethel congregation	6 32
"	From Rev J Rike, collected in West Alexandria charge....	8 00
Jan'y 10.	From Rev W K Zieber, collected in Miamisburg cong.....	17 50
"	Do do do do St John's do	4 25
Jan'y 17.	From Rev H Rust, collected in Cincinnati congregation....	43 66
"	From Rev P C Prugh, collected in Xenia do	38 25
"	Do do do do Beaver do	28 75

Collection at Miami Classis—held at Fairfield, O.

1.—MEMBERS OF CLASSIS.

Jan'y 17.	From Rev P C Prugh.....	$5 00	
"	Do H Rust	5 00	
"	From Elder J Haller	5 00	
"	Do D Moore	5 00	
"	Do J Swander	5 00	
"	Do S Geeting.....	1 00	
"	Do W Jenkins.....	1 00	—27 00

2.—MEMBERS OF FAIRFIELD CONGREGATION.

Jan'y 17.	From Mr S Hagenbach	$5 00	
"	From Mr. J Rockafield	5 00	
"	From Mrs P Batdorf	5 00	
"	From Mrs Hagenbach	3 00	
"	From Mr Peter Cost	3 00	
"	Do W J Wilson	2 00	
"	Do J Batdorf	1 00	
"	Do George Cost	1 00	
"	From Miss Emiline Cox	1 00	
"	From Miss Snip	1 00	
"	From Mrs J Hagenbach	1 00	
"	From Mr Michael Moler	1 00	
"	Miscellaneous collection	9 54	—38 54
Jan'y 24.	From Martin Boots, Indiana		1 00
March 6.	From Rev Prof E V Gerhart, collected in Ger. con., Tiffin		19 00
April 19.	From Rev R Good, collected in charge		3 25
"	From Mrs Burrows, pledge at meeting at Miami classis		1 00
"	From Miss Cox, Do do do do		1 00
"	From Rev D Winters, collected in Mt Carmel congregation		5 52
May 15.	From Rev W K Zieber, Missionary Society, Farmersville		25 75
"	From Rev John Kircher, Germantown charge		5 00
"	From Mr Philip Slifer, donation		5 00
			$484 63

1853				Dr.
Oct. 27.	To cash paid	Rev C Kuss, Louisville, Ky., as per order		$15 00
"	"	" Rev A J Rutan Elkhart county, Indiana		10 00
Nov. 3.	"	" Oelschlager, for Liberty Church		8 75
" 4.	"	" Rev A Muhlmeier, Sheboygan, Wisconsin		15 00
" 21.	"	" Rev George Long, Indianapolis, 9 months salary, ending October 1, 1853		37 50
Dec'r 6.	"	" W K Zieber, for postage		75
" 12.	"	" J Dahlmann, 3 months salary, ending Dec 1		12 00
" 15.	"	" H J Ruetenik, 3 mo's salary, ending Jan 1, '54.		25 00
" 22.	"	" H Shaull, 3 months salary, ending Nov 1, '53		25 00
1854.				
Jan. 17.	"	" H Rust, 6 months salary, ending Nov 1, '53		50 00
"	"	" G W Williard, for printing commissions		5 25
"	"	" H Rust, 3 months salary, ending Feb 1, '54		25 00
"	"	" George Long, 3 months salary, ending Jan 1, '54		12 50
"	"	" H Shaull, 3 months salary, ending Feb 1, '54		25 00
Mch 29.	"	" A J Rutan, 4 mo's salary, ending March 1, 54		10 00
April 4.	"	" J Dahlmann, 3 mo's salary, ending April 1, 54		13 00
" 5.	"	" George Long, 3 mo's salary, ending April 1, 54		10 00
" 11.	"	" J Vogt, 3 months salary, ending April 1, '54		13 00
" 19.	"	" H J Ruetenick, 3 mos salary, end'g April 1 '54.		25 00
May 18	"	" H Rust, 3 months salary, ending May 1, '54		25 00
"	"	" W K Zieber, postage		1 25
				$364 00

RECAPITULATION.

By balance in treasury and amount received	$484 63
To cash paid out	364 00
Balance in Treasury	$120 63

WM. HOFF, Treas. Dom. Missions.

Miamisburg, May 18, 1854.

Report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report that they have attended to the business committed to them, and have been gratified with the progress that has been made. Much advance has been made on this subject over former years; and although much remains to be done—although much ground is yet to be occupied, and an increased liberality and a greater degree of sympathy in the great work of mission is needed in the bounds of our Reformed Zion—yet with the progress that has been made, your committee is led to believe that now is the time for prompt and efficient action in this direction. The full and able reports of the President of the Board of Missions, and of the Treasurer, present, when compared with former ones, an advance in the right direction, and gives satisfactory evidence that our present missionary field is in a healthy condition.

The Report of the President of the Board suggests an increase of the number of the Board; and also that the present constitution is to some extent at least defective.

The Treasurer reports the amount of receipts to be $484 63. Paid out, $394 00. Balance in the Treasury, $120 63.

As expressive of the sense of this Synod, the committee offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the subject of domestic missions is of great importance, at this time, to the interests of the German Reformed Church; and as such, it demands our earnest and immediate attention.

Resolved, That in the calls for aid which come up to us from the destitute portions of our people, we hear the voice of our sons and daughters, brethren and friends; and therefore no part of the Church can innocently neglect to make spiritual provision for their wants.

Resolved, That this Synod renew the request formerly made for aid to the classes and Churches under its care.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

R. R. SALTERS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The following Report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

I. S. Weisz, Treasurer,
In account with Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

		Dr.
1853.		
Dec'r 10.	To balance received from former Treasurer.....	$ 5 05
Oct. 27.	Received from Lancaster classis.....	15 00
1854.		
Feb. 17.	Received from Jacob Kroh, Treasurer of Tiffin classis....	9 50
April 11.	Received of M Zimmerman, Westmoreland classis.....	27 00
May 25.	Do do do do do do for 1853	16 50
"	Received of Clarion classis, in part for 1853 and 1854....	20 00
"	Received of St. Joseph's classis.....	10 00
		$103 05

		Cr.
1853.		
Dec'r 10.	By paid Rev G W Willard, expenses to Eastern Synod....$	20 00
1854.		
Feb'y 17.	" Rev J H Good, for Minutes of Synod sent Eastern ministers, 195 copies.....	29 25
"	" Postage on 23 letters, and paper for use of Synod..	89
May 29.	" Rev I S Weisz, expenses to Eastern Synod.....	22 50
		$72 64
	Balance in Treasury.....	$30 41

INDEBTEDNESS OF SYNOD.

To the Seminary, about	$ 95 00
To Rev J H Good	29 87½
To Mr Hassenplugh	25 00
	$149 87½
To the Rev G W Williard	54 00
	$203 87½

I. S. WEISZ, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Finance made the following Report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following Report:

It appears from the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, that the whole amount of moneys paid into the treasury during the past year was $103 05, and that he has paid out on the orders of Synod the sum of $72 64—leaving a balance of $30 41 in the treasury.

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of this body to the fact, that on account of the delinquency of several of the classes,* in paying their apportionments, there is still an indebtedness of this Synod to the sum of $203 87½.

This is a matter of serious regret. Your committee would suggest, that the attention of said delinquent classes be directed to this subject, and that they be earnestly requested to forward to the Treasurer of Synod, as soon as possible, through their respective Treasurers, the amount of their indebtedness, and so enable him to pay all the demands of Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

JOSEPH B. THOMPSON, *Chairman.*

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*Tiffin, Sandusky, Columbiana, Miami and Indiana classes are all in arrears.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication, to which was referred the Report of the Board of Publication, submitted the following Report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Publication.

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report as follows:

From the Report of the Board of Publication—the only document placed into the hands of your committee—it appears that the Western Missionary has been published since the 10th of November last, in the city of Columbus, by the Rev. G. W. Williard. The transfer of the paper from Tiffin to Columbus caused a number of discontinuances—which, however, was not unexpected. It is nevertheless a gratifying fact, that the loss thus sustained has been more than made up by the interest, energy, and untiring efforts of its friends.

The Western Missionary has at present 1,760 subscribers, being above one hundred more than it had at the time of the transfer. This has been beyond the most sanguine expectation of its friends, and must be attributed in a great measure to the interest manifested by the Church in the increase of its subscription list, and the contribution of more original matter to its columns. Besides this, the type and paper are of a better quality, and its general appearance has been much improved. This improvement of the Western Missionary has incurred more expense upon its publisher, and should be an inducement on the part of the Church to renewed efforts in swelling its subscription list, and in contributing more original matter to its columns.

The editor has liquidated the entire debt of Synod to the former editor.

In view of these facts, your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several classes composing this Synod, and the consistories of the Churches within its bounds, be requested to contribute still more original matter to the columns of the Missionary, and interest themselves more in swelling the number of subscribers.

Respectfully submitted:

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported. Their report was received and adopted. Synod proceeded to ballot for the respective offices, with the following result:

1—*Delegates to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. L. D. Leberman, *Primarius.* Rev. D. Winters, *Secundus.*

2—*Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. Winters, J. T. Blain,
Rev. George W. Williard, J. Kuch,
Rev. I. S. Weisz, H. Leonard,
George Stump.

3—*Board of Missions.*

Rev. W. K. Zieber, Rev. P. C. Prugh,
Rev. D. Winters, William Hoff, Esq.
J. Oldfather, Esq

4—*Board of Education.*

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, Rev. R. R. Salter,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Dr. J. U. Heckerman.

5—*Board of Publication.*

Rev. I. S. Weisz, Rev. H. Williard,
M. G. I. Stern, Dr. G. W. Maris,
J. T. Blain, Esq.

6—*Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. J. Richards, Rev. S. H. Giest,
Rev. G. B. Russell, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
J Kroh, Esq.

7—*Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. B. Earnst, Rev. N. P. Hacke,
Rev. G. W. Williard, J. Peterson, Esq.,
A. H. Baughman.

8—*Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

Dr. J. U. Heckerman, Hon. W. H. Gibson,
J. George Wolf, Esq, Hon. J. W. Wilson,
Hon. Henry St. John.

9—*Evangelical Verein.*

Rev. J. G. Zahner, *Primarius.* Rev. D. Kemerer, *Secundus.*

Election of a Stated Clerk.

The Rev. J. H. Good, former Stated Clerk, having resigned, Synod proceeded to the election of another.

The Rev. George W. Williard having received a majority of votes. was declared duly elected Stated Clerk of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

1.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

Rev. E. V. Gerhart,

1853 In account with Board of Education, Synod O. Ger. R. Church, Dr.

Oct'r	4.	To balance in hand at settlement	$ 11 46
"		Per Rev D Kaemmerer, collection in his congregation	11 58
"		Per Rev Pleuss, collected in Lipper Gemeinde, Wis	3 00
"		Per Rev Salter, from Neriah Church, Michigan (for Bauman)	5 00
"		From Clarion classis, per Rev Geo Wolff, (for Sheel)	10 00
"		From Mrs Schlupp, per Rev A Winter	1 00
"		From Mrs Kuss, Louisville, Ky	1 00

12.	From Rev P J Spangler, coll in his charge, (for McGauchey)		$9 00
15.	From Rev J G Ruhl, (harvest collection in his charge).....		6 40
Nov'r 4.	From Rev W K Zeiber, collected at Farmersville.....		8 20
" 29.	" " " Sabbath School of Farmersville....		6 00
"	From Rev H Hoffman, for use of C Sheel		10 00
Dec'r 2.	From John Criek, Esq, Treasurer Clarion classis, for Sheel.		30 00
October.	From Rev J C Klar, (for Blaetgen).....		5 00
Novem.	" " " "		5 00
Decem'r	From Rev Max Stern, for Schwartz.....		5 00
1854.			
January	Miss C A Rahauser, per J T Blain Esq.....		4 00
Feb. 11.	Rev Rust, from a member of Miss. Church, at Cincinnati, O.		10 00
" 14.	Per Rev D Kammerer, collection in charge.....	$6 00	
"	" " " for A Worfel	2 00	
"	" " " for Martin Fetzer	1 00 —	9 00
" 17.	Per Rev P Meis, collection at Braunhelm...		1 35
" 18.	From Mrs S G Zeiber		1 00
" 21.	From Miss A M Good.....		1 00
"	From Elder J Oldfather, Farmersville, O.....		5 00
"	From a female friend, Harrison county, O.....		3 00
" 23.	From Lepper Gemiende, Wisconsin.....		17 00
March 3.	Per G Wolff, from David Eschbach.....		5 00
" 9.	From Mr C Sommerkamp, for Fenneman.....		3 00
" 9.	Per Rev George Long, Indianapolis, for Fenneman		3 00
" 16.	From a member of Upper Sandusky mission.....		1 00
" 19	Per Rev S B Schwartz, Boston, Mass.....		5 00
" 28	Per Rev H Shaull, from Sab. Sc. Ger. Ref. Church, Massillon		5 00
April 3.	From Mr Wankelman, Cincinnati, far a particular student..		2 00
"	From Mr Christian Sandaw, Cincinnati.....		3 00
" 10.	From Daniel Kiehl, Esq, $2; Rev S H Geisy, $1.....		3 00
" 17.	Per Rev P J Spangler, collection in Manchester and Johnson's Corners, (for McGouchy).....		13 00
" 25.	Per Rev M G I Stern, collected at Delaware for a student....		5 00
May 2.	Per Rev Gehr, being a collection in Millheim congregation..		3 34
"	Per I H Reiter, from Sabbath School Ger. R. Ch., Tiffin, O.		3 87
May 12	Per Rev W K Zieber, collected in Salem con G R Church....		4 30
May 21.	From Mr Peter Miller, Seneca county, Ohio		1 00
"	Per Rev E V Gerhart, collection in Seneca congregation, O..		2 55
			$242 65

1853.			Cs.
Oct'r 6.	By cash paid to C Sheel.....		$ 10 00
"	" " Henry Eschmeier.....		1 00
" 13.	" " W McGaughey.....		9 00
" 17.	" " Henry Eschmeier..... ...		10 00
Nov. 24.	" " Postage stamps.....		54
" 29.	" " C Sheel.....		12 97
"	" " F C Bauman.....		5 00
"	" " C Sheel.....		5 00
Dec'r 2.	" " "		20 00
" 14.	" " W H Fenneman.....		5 00
" 20.	" " C Sheel		2 25
October	" " John Blaetgen.....		5 00
Novem'r	" " " "		5 00

1854.				
January	By cash paid	W H Fenneman	6	00
Jan 27.	" "	C H Reiter	4	00
Feb'y 4.	" "	For postage		32
" 6.	" "	Mr Schwartz	5	00
" 12.	" "	H Eschmeier	6	00
" 12.	" "	W H Fenneman	5	00
" 14.	" "	O H Reiter	7	25
" 21.	" "	For printing and binding blank notes	3	00
" 22.	" "	W H Fenneman	5	00
" 23.	" "	C H Reiter	5	00
"	" "	John Blaetger	5	00
"	" "	F C Bauman	5	00
"	" "	For postage		45
Nov 10.	" "	W H Fenneman	6	00
" 17	" "	Mr Schwartz	5	00
" 30.	" "	C H Reiter	5	00
April 4.	" "	H Eschmeier	5	00
" 18.	" "	W McGaughey	10	00
" 18.	" "	C Sheel	1	00
" 18.	" "	J Blaetgen	5	00
May 15.	" "	W McGaughey	3	00
" 22.	" "	C H Reiter	15	00
" 22.	" "	W Spies	15	00
			$217	88
	Balance in Treasury		24	77
			$242	65

The Committee on Education, to which was referred the documents relating to this subject, presented the following Report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that they have carefully audited the accounts of the Board of Education, and are pleased to learn that more has been done for this cause than formerly. But great as the advance has been, there is still much room for improvement. The appropriations made to students have necessarily been very limited, whilst on the other hand, if a larger amount of funds had been under the control of the Board, others would have been encouraged to solicit aid. When we bear in mind that the Church must look to our Institutions in the future for her ministers, and that as a general thing only those who are unable to incur the expense of a preparation for the ministry, are willing to give their attention to this work, and must therefore be supported

by the liberality of the Church, we feel that it is our imperative duty to devise ways and means to secure the funds necessary for this object. Your committee would therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution. as expressive of the sense of this Synod upon this subject:

Resolved, That each minister of this Synod be earnestly requested to take up, as soon as convenient. in each of his congregations, a special collection for the cause of beneficiary education, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted:

J. RICHARDS, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XX.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES.

Your committee, whose duty it was made to make out a list of the ministers belonging to this Synod, who have been absent during its present meeting, and also to propose some suitable action in the premises, would beg leave respectfully to report, by presenting the following list of absentees, viz:

ABSENTEES.

From Miami Classis—Rev. John Vogt, John Rike, J. C. Colliflower,* H. Rust, P. H. Kroh, J. Stoneberger,* W. K. Zieber, John Kircher, A. Toensmeier, H. Hiestand and H. Kroh.

From Lancaster Classis—Rev. George Weisz, Jacob Weaver, W. D. C. Rodrock, H. Williard, J. C. Henneman, J. H. Buser, P. Johnston, Henry King, Jacob Klingler, and the Licentiate J W. A. Shaffer.

From Westmoreland Classis—Rev. William Wiemel.

From Sandusky Classis—Rev. S. B. Leiter, Jesse Hines, Adam Stump, J. C. Klar, C. Twisler and J. M. Dixon.

From Columbiana Classis—Rev. J. P. Mahnenschmidt* and P. J. Spangler.

From Tiffin Classis—Rev. F. Rahauser, F. Wahl, J. H. Good,* R. Good, H. A. Winter. Max Stern, Paulus Meis, Augustus Muhlmeier, J Klein, J. H. Ruetenick and F. Bauman.

From St. Joseph's Classis—Rev. William M. Reed, A. J. Rutan, Wendall Wasnich, Elias Spangler, Daniel Kroh, John Ruhl, Thomas Winters, Jacob Baer, D. G. Phillips, G. Treber and Joseph Miller.

From Clarion Classis—Rev. J. S. Shade and B. Boyer.

From Indiana Classis—Rev. G. Long, G. Z. Zumpe, Carl Kuss, and Andrew Carroll.

From the North German Classis—Rev. J. W. Hamm, D. Kaemerer, P. Herbruck, S. K. Denins,* J. G. Zahner, G. Weber,* G. Ziegler, Chr. Weiler, J. G. Ruhl, J. B. Ruhl, John Ruhl, George Rettig, J. Ackeret, D. Gackenheimer, Jacob Kan, E. H Th. Woeler, J. F. Engelbach and Phil. Becker.

In connection with the above list, your committee would suggest for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod sincerely regrets that so many of its members have been absent from its present sessions, and that so few of the absentees have sent in any excuses for not attending.

Resolved, That the several classes composing this Synod be respectfully requested to enquire into this matter, at their ensuing annual meetings, and either excuse or censure the delinquents, as they may think best.

S. S RICKLY,
J. STEINER,
P. LOOSE.

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*Excused.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Low Salaries of Ministers.

The attention of Synod having been called to the fact that the ministers of our Church do not, as a general thing, receive a salary sufficient to meet their wants, and to enable them to labor efficiently in the cause in which they are engaged, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, calling the attention of the Church to this subject:

WHEREAS. The present low salaries paid to the clergy of our own Church, subject them to much social suffering, and lessen their respectability in the eyes of the world, and also rob them of their mental independence and greatly abridges their professional usefulness; and

WHEREAS, The uncertain and meagre support received by ministers prevents many young men of piety, talent and character, from devoting themselves to the Church; and

WHEREAS, That high Christian scholarship so imperiously demanded by the wants of the nineteenth century, is not likely to be met under existing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, The Church must seriously suffer from such a state of things, and its conflict with sin and infidelity greatly enfeebled: Therefore

Resolved, 1, That the attention of the consistories of Churches, and the membership of charges, be most earnestly directed to this subject, that a thorough reform of public opinion with regard to this matter may be effected, and the evil, by proper exertion, removed from our midst.

Resolved, 2, That the different classes, in connection with this Synod, be earnestly requested, when confirming calls, and installing

pastors over churches and charges, to give special attention to this subject, so that the Gospel be not hindered, and the usefulness of the ministry curtailed.

Resolved 3, That this Synod, in General Convention assembled, create a committee, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amount of salary received by each ministry in the Church, so that the average salary of the whole may be spread before the Church, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as may bear directly on this subject, and bring about, as speedily as possible, a reform.

The committee called for in the above resolution, consists of Rev. George W. Williard, J. Steiner, H. Shaull; Elders P. Loose and J. T. Blain.

American Colonization.

The Rev. A. B. Quay, agent of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, addressed Synod at some length, in a number of interesting remarks upon the subject of colonization. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod, the cause of African colonization, comprehending as it does the interests of two races and two continents, but more especially as it relates to the civilization and christianization of Africa, demands the serious consideration and co-operation of every philanthropist and lover of Christ's Kingdom.

Resolved, That we view with gratification the brightening prospects of the colonization enterprise, as set forth by the agent.

Resolved, That as an undertaking of the most extended philanthropy—as a powerful engine for the subversion of idolatry and ignorance, and the promotion of the light and knowledge of the Gospel of Christ, it is nobly deserving of the prayers and patronage of all our Churches.

Resolved, That in the success which has thus far attended the cause of African colonization, we see striking indications of the purpose of Providence to raise the descendants of Africa, and through them the barbarous tribes of that benighted country, to the condition of a civilized, free and industrious people.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to publish the Minutes of Synod in the usual pamphlet form.

Resolved, That only such items as partake of general interest be published in the Western Missionary.

Resolved, That Rev. J. G. Zahner be requested to publish the Minutes of Synod in the German language, upon the terms which he proposed to Synod in his communication upon the subject.

Map of Synod.

Resolved, That Rev. S. S. Rickley be requested to make out a map of the boundaries of the several classes of Synod, and that if necessary he has power to call on the Stated Clerks for information, and that the Stated Clerk of Synod bring or send this map to all the regular meetings of Synod.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be authorized to give the Rev. F. W. Dechant, who is about removing to Wells county, Indiana, testimonials of his character and standing in this Synod, as a faithful and beloved brother in the ministry.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be requested to sign, and forward forthwith, a certificate to the Rev. A. Wanner, testifying that the German Reformed congregation organized in Liverpool, Columbiana county, Ohio, in the year 1853, was constituted accor-

ding to the Constitution of the Church, and is regarded by this body as a congregation of the German Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be requested to ascertain, as soon as possible, the entire indebtedness of Synod, and keep hereafter a strict account of all orders issued, as well as of the moneys paid out.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the Superintendent and Directors of the O. and P. Railroad Company, for the liberal offer of returning the members of this body free of charge from Pittsburg to Crestline.

Resolved, That this Synod regrets that the Rev. G. Long, President of the former year, failed to comply with the standing rule, which required him either to preach, or provide some one to preach, the opening sermon of Synod.

Resolved, That the special attention of the Sandusky and Indiana classes be directed to the fact that their respective Stated Clerks sent no copies of their Minutes and Statistical Reports to Synod.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the Rev. Messrs. Geisy and Hackey's congregations, and to the citizens of Greensburg and vininity, for the kindness and hospitality which they have extended to us during our stay in their midst, and that the pastors above named be requested to read this resolution from their pulpits, and have it published in the papers of the town.

ARTICLE XXII.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT OF SYNOD.

Resolved, That Synod adjourn to meet in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, on the last Wednesday of May, 1855, in the morning, at 8 o'clock.

The roll being called, all the members of Synod were found present, except those who had been excused.

The Minutes were read and approved by Synod.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday evening, and was dismissed with Prayer by the Stated Clerk, the President pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

N. P. HACKE, *President*.

GEO. W WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	No. of cong'ns	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members.	No. Comm'nts.	Confirmed.	Rec. by Letter.	Adult Bap's.	Infant Bap's.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excom'ca'tns.	Sabb'h Schools	Collected for benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
1. David Winters...	4	Mount Zion charge.....	375	345	10	..	2	3	4	..	..	4	$28 00	Dayton, Ohio.
2. Tho. H. Winters	2	Highland charge.....	120	120	8	..	..	11	6	6	..	1	56 00	Xenia, Ohio.
	1	Caesar's Creek charge....	85	85	9	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	55 00	
3. Jesse Steiner	6	Union charge.....	336	305	11	..	3	15	1	..	1	5	31 00	Springfield, Ohio.
4. John Vogt.....	1	Missionary in Darke Co, O.	13	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Sampson, Darke Co., O.
5. Levi Rike.....	4	West Alexandria charge..	210	210	6	3	3	5	3	5	..	1	21 00	W. Alexandria, Preble co,O
6. Peter C. Prugh...	2	Xenia charge.....	151	151	1	6	..	11	2	3	..	2	96 50	Xenia, Ohio.
7. J. D. Colliflower..	5	Darke County charge....	143	143	5	8	5	15	3	..	..	..	.....	Beamsville, Darke Co , O.
8. Herman Rust	1	Cincinnati congregation ..	192	133	..	45	..	23	21	..	8	1	53 66	Cincinnati, Ohio.
9. P. H. Kroh.....	3	Jonesboro' charge	150	140	23	8	..	30	..	3	2	..	.....	Jonesboro, Union Co., Ill.
10. J. Stoneberger....		Missionary in Missouri...	50	50	2	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	.....	Patton, Bollinger Co., Mo.
11. Wm. K. Zieber ...	4	Miamisburg charge.....	232	242	..	6	..	16	9	2	..	4	44 33	Miamisburg, Ohio.
12. John Kircher.....	4	Germantown charge.....	205	173	5	..	1	26	8	..	..	2	5 00	Miamisburg, Ohio.
13. A. Toensmeier ...	1	2d Church, Dayton.....	140	140	..	30	..	25	..	..	..	..	.....	Dayton, Ohio.
14. J. Baumunk	2	Millville charge	75	60	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	.....	Millville, Butler Co., O.
15. H. K. Baines.....	4	Fairfield charge	233	233	9	1	1	19	2	4	..	2	22 34	Fairfield, Ohio.
.....	1	Port Jefferson charge	132	132	16	13	13	13	3	..	..	..	.....	.....
16. R. P. Thomas	1	Springfield congregation..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Springfield, Ohio.
.....	1	Brown County charge....	48	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
.....	3	Seven Mile Charge.....	100	85	2	1	..	10	4	..	..	2	.....	.....
.....	4	Colliflower charge	105	105	..	..	..	..	..		..	.	.....	.....

H. Hiestand, Lafayette, La., and H. Kroh, Stockton, Cal.—No report. 1st Church, Dayton, and Mt. Carmel congreg —Vacant.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	No. Congregat'n.	Congregations or Charges.	No. of Members.	Bapt. Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Certif.	Baptisms.	Dismissions.	Sabbath Schools	Deaths.	Post Office Address.
1. G. Weisz.....	3	St. Michael's, Jacob's, &c...	160	172	86	12	..	11	..	..	7	Lancaster, Ohio.
2. J. Weaver	2	Jerusalem, Mt. Zwingli.....	70	75	60	..	1	5	1	1	1	Bremen, Fairfield county, Ohio.
3. G. W. Williard....	2	Columbus, Union.....	...	...	70	7	6	10	..	2	2	Columbus, Ohio.
4. I. S. Weisz	4	Job's, Salem's, Zion, David's..	275	250	220	1	3	23	8	..	9	Lithopolis, Fairfield county, Ohio.
5. M. G. I. Stern	2	Delaware, Middletown.....	140	102	125	10	3	8	..	2	1	Delaware, Ohio.
6. F. W. Dechant...	4	St. Paul's, Reading, &c.....	174	205	69	..	..	5	..	2	1	Somerset, Perry county, Ohio.
7. J. Rike.....	4	Lancaster, Sugar Grove, &c..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lancaster, Ohio.
8. J. B. Thompson ..	4	Tarlton, Jerusalem, &c.....	...	...	119	..	..	25	..	2	12	Tarlton, Ohio.
9. John Pence	2	Trinity, Hopewell.....	...	...	110	2	3	15	8	..	10	Tremont, Clark county, Ohio.
10. J. C. Henneman..	2	Columbus, (German)	70	...	54	..	..	9	..	1	3	Columbus, Ohio.
11. J. H. Buser.....	3	Kinnickkinnick	100	...	80	..	..	14	..	1	1	Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio.
12. H. Williard.....	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	Shelby, Pickaway county, Ohio.
13. P. Johnson	.	Without charge.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	Columbus, Ohio.
14. H King.....	.	Without charge.....	...	...	. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tarlton, Ohio.
15. J. W. A. Shaffer..	.	Licentiate.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lancaster, Ohio.
16. Vacant.....	1	Circleville	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
17. Vacant.....	4	Lancaster charge.....	110	100	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....

CLASSIS OF WESTMORELAND.

Ministers	No. Congregat'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	No. of Members.	Baptized.	Certificate.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Purp.	Post Office Address.
H. E. F. Voigt.....	9	Mt. Pleasant charge.....	..	20	.	..	297	2	5	....	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania
N. P. Hacke.....	6	Greensburg (German).....	..	..	.	..	...	.	.	....	Greensburg, "
William Conrad.....	4	Berlin charge.....	..	..	.	..	...	.	.	....	Berlin, Somerset Co., Pa.
H. Knepper.....	.	....	..	..	.	..	...	.	.	$4 00	Grantville, Maryland.
B. Knepper.....	8	Wellersburg charge.....	244	51	.	15	114	2	4	4 16	Wellersburg, Pennsylvania
S. H. Giesy.....	4	Greensburg (English).....	..	15	9	10	195	.	3	22 00	Greensburg, "
C. F. Hoffmeier.....	5	Somerset charge.....	..	..	.	..	300	.	3	24 36	Somerset, "
J. McConnell.....	5	Grantsville charge.....	..	..	.	..	...	.	.	....	Grantville, Maryland.
J. Hoyman.....	4	Shade charge.....	..	20	.	18	190	2	2	5 78	Stoystown, Pennsylvania.
Rev. G. B. Russell...	1	Mission station.....	..	..	.	.	.	.	.	....	Pittsburg, "
Wm. Weinel.....	.	Without charge.....	..	..	.	..	...	.	.	....	Leechburg, "

CLASSIS OF SANDUSKY.

Ministers.	No. of Churches.	Congregations or Charges.	Rec'd by Letter.	No. of Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Dismissions.	Excommunicated.	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Purp	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter	4	Tuscarawas, &c	..	...	145	..	14	..	..	..	2	15 29	Navarre, Stark Co., O.
J. Richards	4	Navarre, &c	5	130	110	4	8	4	..	3	2	....	Navarre, Stark Co., O.
A. Stump	3	Rome, &c.	3	...	75	12	10	2	..	1	2	5 36	Pratt, Shelby Co., O.
J. Hines	4	Reedsburg, &c	..	...	120	6	8	2	16	..	4	....	Mohicansville, Ohio.
D. G. Philips	5	Savannah, &c.	..	77	65	..	2	2	..	..	1	7 00	Ashland, Ashland Co, O.
C. Zwisler	..	[No report]	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	....	Waynesburg, Ohio.
H. Shaull	1	Massillon	..	18	18	2	4	2	..	..	1	....	Massillon, Stark Co, O.
J. C Klar	..	[No report]	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	....	Newville, Richland co, O
E. F. Loeders	..	Missionary	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	....	Auglaize county, Ohio.
J. J. Excell	..	Licentiate	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	....	Uniontown, Stark Co., O.

CLASSIS OF TIFFIN.

Ministers.	No. Congregat'ns.	Congregations or Charges.	No. of Members.	Communicants.*	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized.	Contributions.	Sabbath Schools.	Deaths.	Post Office Address.
F. Rahauser	.	Superannuated.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Flat Rock, Seneca county.
Vacant*.....	1	1st G. Ref. Ch., Tiffin. No Report	275	...	..	.	..	....	..	..	.....
Vacant*.....	3	Thompson, Adams & Berwick. Do	125	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
Vacant*.....	1	Salem congregation. No report..	15	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
J. H. Good	1	Jacob's c. 2 pr points. Prof. Math	25	...	..	..	8	....	2	5	Tiffin, Ohio.
R. Good	1	Zion's c. Rect. Prep. Dep. Heid. C	..	30	3	..	..	....	..	..	Tiffin, Ohio.
E. V. Gerhart....	2	2d G R C Tiffin & Bascom. Prof. of	108	108	8	17	26	$13 03	1	8	Tiffin, Ohio.
John J. Brecht ..	4	Wyandot. Miss. [Theology	50	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Upper Sandusky.
Max Stern	4	Galion, Bucyrus, Jerusalem, &c...	267	267	23	40	35	182 50	2	11	Galion, Ohio.
Paulus Meis.....	2	Braunhelm and Vermilion. (Res.)	60	60	..	..	..	1 85	..	4	Farmersburg, Clayton co, Iowa
F. C. Schwartz..	.	Pastor of Vermilion charge.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Vermilion, Erie county, Ohio.
Aug. Muhlheimer	.	Sheboygan Mission.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
A. H. Winter	.	Milwaukie Mission.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
Vacant*.....	2	Mt. Pisgah and McCutchensville..	61	61	..	..	..	....	.	..	.....
Vacant	3	Findley Mission.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
Vacant	.	Henry County Mission	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
H. J. Ruetenick..	3	Toledo Mission	83	83	..	..	14	....	..	5	Toledo, Ohio.
J. H. Klein	3	Sandusky County, Ohio.....	200	...	..	..	15	....	..	3	Fremont, Ohio.
Jacob Klingler....	3	Allen County Mission	.	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Hog Creek, Allen county, Ohio.
F.C. Bauman....	1	Licentiate. Dubuque Co. Mission	52	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	Buncombe, Dubuque co., Iowa.
— Bentz.....	.	Licentiate.....	..	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....
Vacant*.....	1	Sandusky City Mission.....	54	54	..	..	..	....	..	..	.....

*Have been regularly supplied.

CLASSIS OF ST. JOSEPH.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's.	Congregation or Charge.	No. Members.	Communicants.	Rec. by Letter.	Confirmations.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools.	Post Office Address.
1. R. R. Salter	1	Neriah	58	58	6	5	4	2	1	Lasalle, Monroe county, Mich
2. William M. Reed	1	Colon	40	40	.	2	13	.	3	Colon, St. Joseph county, Mich.
3. A. J. Rutan	3	Benton, &c	..	..	.	.	..	.	.	Syracuse, Elkhart county, Iowa.
4. W. Wasnich	4	Brush Creek, &c	144	144	.	.	26	4	.	Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
5. E Spangler	2	Lafayette, &c	54	54	2	2	6	.	2	Pulaski, Williams county, Ohio.
6. John Ruhl	.	No report	..	..	.	.	..	.	.	Defiance, Defiance county, Ohio.
7. Thomas Winters	.	Superannuated	..	..	.	.	..	.	.	Evansport, Defiance county, O.
8. J G. Kissell	.	Missionary	..	..	.	.	..	.	.	Colon, Michigan.

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'n.	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members.	Communic'nts.	Confirmations	Rec. by Letter.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabb'h Schools	Post Office Address.
1. D. B. Ernst	3	Meadville, Sægerstown, &c	283	262	31	10	26	6	.	Sægerstown, Crawf'd co., Pa.
Vacant	2	Harmony, Handshew—No report	...	...	..	..	..	..	.	.....
2. H. Hoffman	3	St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Salem	350	212	18	..	30	8	2	Jefferson Furn, Clarion co, Pa
3. L. D. Leberman	5	Trinity, Temple, St. John's, &c	407	388	39	..	87	21	3	Kerr's Store, Clarion co., Pa.
4. N. E. Gilds	3	Rimersburg, St. John's, Mt. Zion	270	225	20	18	37	3	3	Remersburg, Clarion co., Pa.
5. J. S. Shade	5	Tylersburg, &c	166	147	2	..	25	8	3	Tylersburg, Clarion co., Pa.
6. H. F. Hartman	2	Sugar Creek and Fairview	140	130	..	10	19	4	1	Baldwin, Butler county, Pa.
Vacant	5	Clarion, Salem, St. John, Roseville	160	110	..	5	..	..	3	.....
7. F. Wise	4	St. Jacob's, St. John's, Sparrow, &c	255	197	47	..	22	1	2	South Bend, Pennsylvania.
8. B. Boyer	3	Goodhope, St. John	285	234	..	..	..	..	.	West Greenville, Mercer Co
.....	.	No report	...	...	..	..	.	..	.	.....

CLASSIS OF INDIANA.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's.	Congregations or Charges.	No. Members.	Baptized	Confirmed.	Communicants	Excommunic'd	Deaths.	Par. Schools.	Sab'h Schools.	Ben't Purposes	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe	3	Zions, &c	122	15	.	..	.	10	1	1	$49 45	Poland, Clay county, Indiana.
George Long	1	First Ger. Ref. Indianapolis	65	14	5	65	2	1	.	1	34 50	Indianapolis, Indiana.
C. Kuss	1	First G. R. Ch., Louisville	81	17	4	81	.	8	..	1	68 38	Louisville, Ky.
C. E. Kuesster	1	.....	38	2	.	38	.	2	..	..	....	Linton, Green county, Indiana.
C. Pleuss	1	.....	50	6	.	50	.	3	1	1	....	Lawrenceburg, Indiana.
A. Carrol	.	No report	..	..	.	..	.	..	..	..	....	.....

NORTHERN GERMAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
J. P. Mahnenschmidt	4	Berlin, &c.....	130	..	..	..	.	Frederick, Mahoning Co., O.
J. W. Hamm	8	Manchester charge.....	556	36	105	38	2	Nimisilla, Summit county, O.
D. Kaemmerer	6	Wooster charge	480	35	83	18	3	Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio
P. Herbrook.....	..	Canton charge	568	55	122	65	8	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.
A. Wanner.....	5	Washingtonville, &c.....	265	1	13	7	4	Washingtonville, Columb. Co.
J. G. Zahner.....	8	Shanesville charge*.....	409	36	57	43	3	Shanesville, Tuscarawas co, O.
G. Ziegler.....	10	St. Peter's, St. John's etc.....	460	40	64	20	1	N. Georgetown, Columbiana co
G. Weber	5	St. Paul's, St. Kraemer's, etc.	118	..	34	32	1	Hartville, Stark county, Ohio.
G. Rettig	5	Akron charge	263	..	35	15	1	Akron, Summit county, Ohio.
Chr. Weiler	7	Zion's Berner's, etc*.....	436	15	67	32	1	.....
J. G. Ruhl.....	4	Marion, Trinity, St. Jacob's, etc..	180	24	37	14	2	Marion, Marion county, Ohio.
J. B. Ruhl	6	Jackson, Lordstwon, etc.....	168	1	33	16	1	Eden, Trumbull county, Ohio.
J. Ackeret	2	Mt. Eaton, (German charge)	165	..	32	7	.	Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, O.
R. Koehler.....	1	Mt. Eaton, (French charge).....	..	..	..	..	.	Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, O.
D. Gackenheimer	4	German, Schell, etc	118	..	19	3	1	Willshire, Van Wert Co., O.
E. H. Th. Wohler	6	Homer, Jackson, etc	120	..	15	10	.	Albion, Ashland county, Ohio
J. F. Engelbach.....	3	Good Hope, Paradise, etc.....	427	..	48	14	3	Lima, Mahoning county, Ohio
Jacob Kan	..	Lima, Randolph.....	221	17	13	2	2	Limaville, Ohio.
John Ruhl.....	..	No report.....	..	..	..	..	.	.....
Ph. Becker.....	..	Licentiate	..	..	..	..	.	.....
R. O. Muller	..	Licentiate	..	..	..	..	.	.....

NORTHERN GERMAN CLASSIS—*Continued.*

Ministers.	No. Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Deaths	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
S. K. Denius	2	Evanscreek, Bakersville	65	14	6	..	..	Bakersville, Coshocton Co., O.
N. Gehr	..	No report	..	..	..	..	..	Akron, Summit county, O.
P. J. Spangler†	5	Manchester, etc	309	45	51	..	..	Nimisilla, Summit county, O.

*Report of last year.

†Omitted in Sandusky Classis.

SYNOD OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH

IN THE UNITED STATES.

REPORT

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1853.

Your Committee on the State of Religion and Morals respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

In the name of God, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

It becomes us with devout gratitude to acknowledge the parental care with which it has pleased our Heavenly Father to watch over us as a denomination, and to sustain us with his powerful grace in the midst of the trials and conflicts through which we have been called to pass. Not only during the past, but during the several preceding years, have we been made to realize, that the Church is yet in her militant state; that while there are in her bosom the beginnings of spiritual peace, in that the soul may there find a sure foundation to rest upon, yet is her attitude one of antagonism to the wicked world around her, both for defence against its assaults, and aggression for the assertion of her spiritual dominion In the midst of all the strife incident upon this relation to the world have we had enlivening evidence of the favor of God, in the unnumbered propitious indications which minister to the sum of her history, and which have ever strengthened her, as she discerned in them the continued verification of that sure word of promise. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

The pressure upon us as a denomination, however, has not been confined exclusively to the ungodly world. We have been the object of assault by those who are known by the Christian name, and with whom we were wont to take sweet counsel together. Responsive to this were the notes of alarm sounded within our own bounds; a Classis rent the sacred bonds which held it in communion with her mother Church, and now lies as a branch rudely sundered from the vine. And this day are we under the painful necessity of contemplating the body of our blessed Saviour

bleeding anew from wounds inflicted in the house of his friends. Yet, in the midst of all these untoward circumstances, have the hopes cherished against us been disappointed, while, on the other hand, have all things redounded to the well-being of our Zion. Instead of disturbance and dissatisfaction, do we discover consolidation and order—instead of any considerable disaffection, unity of purpose, and a more determined earnestness to press forward in the accomplishment of our mission. At the same time, there has been awakened a deeper consciousness of the significance of our peculiar genius as a denomination, and a clearer insight into the beauties and profound depth of our faith, as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, to which we hold with an ever growing tenacity. These sore trials have, by the blessing of the adorable Head of the Church, served but as the refiner's fire, to purge out our dross, and make us more meet for our Master's service.

The history of the Church is of gradual and slow progress. Hence, it cannot be expected that one year will reveal any special and very marked advancement. What concerns us most to know, is, whether the steady progress of things is still onward in the direction of our mission? Whether outward indications bespeak a healthy activity of Church life? This, your Committee are happy to say, is the case. Indeed, for the last few years, our Church seems to have been inspired with a new life power, and, throughout its entire limits there has been an unwonted prosperity. She has manifested increasing restlessness under the restraints and hindrances which have cramped her energies in all time past in this country, amongst which may be mentioned the paucity of her ministers, the long intervals at which the means of grace have been afforded to many of our congregations, and the large extent of territorial limits assigned to the care of one man. Steady efforts are, with encouraging success, directed against these evils; and where they yet exist to a greater or less extent, they are coming to be contemplated with a growing impatience. In all sections of the Church, there seems to be more or less of commotion, produced by these causes, and almost weekly have we intelligence of movements for the multiplication of pastoral charges, erection of church buildings, and establishment of new congregations.

The activity of the Church in this direction is made the more manifest in the increasing demand for ministers. It seems to be impossible, with our present resources, to keep pace with our growing necessities. And your Committee are of the opinion, that, unless speedy provision be made in these premises, the Church must suffer serious detriment. The supplies from the Seminary,

CLASSIS OF ZIONS.

Ministers.	No. of Cong.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Memb.	Baptized.	By Confirm.	By Certificd.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	8	Creutz creek charge,	660		119	37		650			39	3	York,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Hanover charge,	800	1000	46	23		700			34		Hanover,	"
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Gettysburg charge,	740	900	64	48	21	665	6		13	3	Gettysburg,	"
Henry Aurand,	5	Benders charge,	370		18	22		360	2			5	York Springs, Adams co.,	"
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,						*268					Dillsburg, York county,	"
John Reinecke,		Without charge,											Shrewsbury, York county,	"
John Albert,		Without charge,											York Springs, Adams co.,	"
Fred'k. W. Vandersloot,	4	Windsor charge,			77	33		205			36	3	York,	"
Charles H. Leinbach,	6	Landisburg charge,	685	720	77	35	2	575	5		10	6	Landisburg, Perry county,	"
Amos H. Kremer,	3	Carlisle charge,	338	395	23	23	4	310	2		4	3	Carlisle,	"
George Leidy,		Without charge,											do	"
Samuel Gutelius,	4	Emanuels charge,	410		60			314	3		13	3	Hanover,	"
William C. Bennett,	2	Without charge,											Newville, Cumberland co.,	"
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	212	288	21	38	3	204	3		6	6	Bloomfield, Perry county,	"
Joseph S. Loose,	3	Mechanicsburg charge,											Mechanicsburg, Cumb'd co.	"
David Bossler,	3	York charge, German,			74	15		191			45	4	York,	"
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York,											do.	"
John C. Bucher,		Withought charge,											Carlisle,	"
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	3	Abbottstown charge,											Abbottstown,	"
Daniel Gring,	5	Shrewsbury charge,											Shrewsbury, York county,	"

* Report of previous year.

years, and then content ourselves with the terrible venture of rescuing them by an unsteady effort.

As necessarily involved in this educational view of religion, which is growing in our communion, it is felt that all relations and institutions in social life are, of right, bound to contribute to the spiritual interests of the educated. Family religion, family training, not as administered upon a purely human basis, but as grounded in divine ordinances, and as fostered by faith and corresponding works, is felt to be essential. And, doubtless, but for the neglect of this, and a practical despite of the powers of the Spirit as revealed through it, many a soul might now be hymning its praises to the source of life and immortal joys, which is now doomed in perpetual night to clank the chains of its misery. Parochial schools, too, in this view, are commanding an increased interest in our connection, and some respectable activity is manifested for their speedy establishment. For it is felt that religion, to be at all entitled to the claims which are asserted by Christianity, must have the power to sanctify to its own use, and should of right be allowed so to do, all the legitimate instrumentalities for man's evolution and training. Religion, if its rights be not ignored, must enter as a positive element into every relation and institution of social life, not simply as an element, but as the last and controlling end, to which the world, and time and all things besides, are, in all truth and righteousness, but subsidiary means. Thus only can the profound and glorious significancy of our Catechism be properly apprehended, when it declares, in the answer to the first question, "That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ," &c.

The growth of our Church, of which we may be enabled, by this very imperfect and hasty review, to form some estimate, has given rise to new wants and increasing necessities. As already remarked, men, ministers by the score, are imperatively demanded. And besides men, we need, we must have, largely additional means. One of the most painful defects discoverable in the growing condition of our Zion, is the fact, that a spirit of liberality does not keep pace. Not that it is wanting; for large amounts are annually contributed. But these, for the most part, have been devoted to the establishment and endowment of our institutions. But that the wants of the Church—opportunities for activity, are opening with a greater rapidity, than the means to put forth this activity are afforded. This may be accounted for, in part, by the fact, that many of the charges, recently established, are weak, and others again are just able to dispense with the assis-

tance of the Missionary Board. But still, it may not be disguised, that covetousness is a crying sin in our midst, and is the cause, no doubt, of much evil, not only to the souls which are afflicted with it, but, also, to the souls of those whose right it is to be ministered to, through the means of Christian benevolence.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to descend into detail as respects the condition of the Church, more than to say, that, together with an increased interest manifested in many instances in the ordinances of God's house, and the instructions of the Church, there are, also, those darker features which will, doubtless, characterize the Christian Church until the day of millenial glory.

Let us, then, dear brethren, feel, that though our labors are onerous and often discouraging; though with tears we sow the good seed of life, yet is not our labor in vain. And taking heart from the assurances we this day are mercifully permitted to have, let us endeavor to return to our respective fields of labor, praying that, as the wants of the Church increase, our labors may abound, until it may please our blessed Saviour to admit us to that glorious rest which remaineth to the people of God.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D.		Without charge,											Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
George Wack,		"											Blue Bell, " "
Jacob Helffenstein,	1	Germantown,						445					Germantown, "
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe charge			31	32	2	364			5	8	Trappe, Montgomery co., "
John R. Kooken,		Without charge,											Norristown, "
John S Ermentrout,	1	Norristown,											" "
Sam'l Helffenstein, Jr.,		Without charge,											Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
Albert Helffenstein,		Acting as supply,											New Holland, Lancaster co., "
Jacob B. Keller,	3	Böhms, &c.,		350	17	30	3	285			4	3	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland charge,			11	12		150				3	Chester Springs, Chester co., "
David Hefelfinger,	3	Brownback's charge,				2	3	134			5	3	St. Peters, " "
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,			9	12	3	162	3		1	1	Pleasantville, Montgomery co., "
S. H. Reid,	1	1st church,											Philadelphia, "
Charles Bonekemper,	1	4th church,			28	16		340			11		" "
Charles Lukens,		Without charge,											Frankford, Philadelphia co., "
William Philips,	1	3rd church,											Philadelphia, "
Adolph Rahn,	1	2nd church,			73	32		319					" "
Wiliam Fulton,													Phoenixville, Chester co., "
Joseph Hannaberry,		Licentiate,											Lancaster, "

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certif.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Shepherdstown charge,			18	17	9	187			5	3	Shepherdstown,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	4	Mt. Crawford "			36	14	1	180	4			4	Mt. Crawford,	"
Henry St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek "	220		5	4		229			8	2	Hamburg, Shenandoah co.,	"
John G. Wolff,	4	Woodstock "	232		39	17	1	232	1		2	2	Woodstock,	"
John C. Hensell,	3	Middlebrook "	200		14	7	2	160	2		6		Middlebrook,	"
Samuel J. Fetzer,	4	Augusta "						*131					New Hope, Augusta co.,	"
George H. Martin,	2	Loudon "	100		15	4		100		1		1	Lovettsville,	"
Vacant,	4	Pendleton "												
"	3	Central "												
Peter S. Davis,	2	Winchester "	90		18	9	1	80				2	Winchester,	"

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CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	Bap M.	Baptis.	By Con	By Cer.	Comm.	Dami.	Excom.	Death.	S. Scho	Post Office Addresses.
John Rebaugh,	2	Middleburg and Welsh Run,	130	230	24	8	12	120	2		10	2	Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender,	1	Chambersburg,	250		16	13	12	200	8		6	1	Chambersburg, " "
Benjamin S. Schneck,		Without charge,											" " "
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.		Editor,											" " "
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		Without charge.											Mercersburg, " "
Philip Schaff, D. P.,		Professor in Theol. Seminary,											" " "
John S. Foulk,	1	Greencastle,	316	260	25	16	14	270	10		14	1	Greencastle, " "
George W. Giessner,	2	Shippensburg and Orrstown,	195	110	11	16	13	190	1		7	2	Shippensburg, Cumberland co., "
Henry Wagner,	2	Mercersburg and Little Cove,			15	7		154	7		3	1	Mercersburg, "
Frederick A. Rupley,	4	Alexandria, &c.,	255	340	19	25	5	242	7		2	2	Waterstreet, Huntingdon co., "
Mathew Irvine,	4	Friend's Cove, &c.,	340	280	20	13		325			8	4	Rainsburg, Bedford co., "
Theobald Fouse,	6	Union, Zion's, &c.,	340	580	40	24	4	330	7		9	1	James Creek, Huntingdon co., "
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford &c.,	420	600	36	47	5				13	2	Bedford, Bedford co., "
Jeremiah Heller,	3	St. Clairsville, &c.,	336		67	24	10	336			18		St. Clairsville, Bedford co., "
Samuel Miller, Editor,	3	Grindstonehill, Marion, &c.,	350					280					Chambersburg, "
Jacob Hassler,	3	Loudon, St. Thomas, &c.,	250	130	22	20	10	240	11		11	2	Mercersburg, "
Henry W. Super,	3	Waynesboro', &c.,	260		9		6	170	8		8	1	Waynesboro', "
William M. Deatrick,	2	Huntingdon, &c.,	145	175	28	4	18	135	3		3	2	Huntingdon, Huntingdon co., "
Samuel Philips,	4	Martinsburg, &c.,	180	285									Martinsburg, Blair co., "
Frederick A. Scholl,		Without charge,											Greencastle, Franklin co., "
Jacob Mayer,		" "											Columbia, Lancaster co., "
Vacant,	4	McConnellsburg. &c.,											
"		Kieffer's and Strasburg,	182										
David Snively,	2	Licentiate,											Paris, France.
A. J. M. Hudson,		"											South Bend, Indiana.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,	5	Saucon, Saltzburg, &c.,			80	35		599			20	5	Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa..
John A. Strassburger,	4	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.,			135	34		611			35		Sellersville, Bucks co., "
Daniel Weiser,	2	Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	860	1000	75	25		650			33	4	Upper Hanover, Montg'ry co. "
Lewis C. Herman,	3	Pottstown, Mountain, &c.,	390		28	29		300			21	1	New Hanover, Montgomery co. "
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.,			76	49		650			32	6	Hellerstown, Northampton co. "
William T. Gerhart,	5	Durham, Nockamixon, &c.,			61	59	1	485	1		19	4	Bucksville, Bucks co., "
John Naillo,	3	Towamencin, Hilltown, &c.	882		20	25	5	294	4		12	3	Line Lexington, " "
Christian R. Kessler,		Without charge,											Allentown, Lehigh co., "
J. B. Pörner,	5	Millerstown charge,						*125					
N. S. Strassburger,	5	Amity, Pottstown, &c.,			78	16		502			48	4	Pottstown, Montgomery co., "
A. L. Dechant,	5	Keelers, Hubers, &c.,			85	56		372			27	4	Frederick, " "
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Rieglesville, latlely taken											Easton, Northampton county, "
F. J. Mohr,		Licentiate, [charge,											Allentown, Lehigh co., "
	1	Baumstown, †											

†Supplied by Rev. David Hefelfinger.

* Report of previous year.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Certific.	By Confir.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommuni.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
John F. Busche,	1	Suffolk Street, New York,											New York,	N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston, Mass.,	210		46		4	90				1	Boston, Massachusetts.	
Henry Bielefeld,	1	Buffalo,	185		18		11	150			10	1	Buffalo,	"
Andrew Schröder,	1	North Clymer,	102		10		4	52			2		West Leydon,	"
William Meyer.	2	Tonowanda charge,	550		45		15	278			16	2	Tonowanda,	
George F. Jahnke,	3	Lockport charge,	400		23			215			10		Lockport, Niagara county,	"
Charles Becker,	1	Detroit,	47		8		15	50				1	Detroit Michigan.	
John Dahlman,	1	Lancaster charge,											Lancaster,	"
J. C. Brunner,		Without charge,												
John Althouse,	5	Sheldon charge,			17		11	125			1			
M. C. Isidore Stern,	1	Rochester,											Delaware, Ohio.	
Theodore Heise,		Sheldon,											Sheldon Centre, Wyoming co.,	N.Y.

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
Henry Harbaugh,	1	1st Church, Lancaster,	508		43	22	46	442	8	33	1	Lancaster city,	Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,	5	Manheim,	220	110	11			78		11	3	Manheim, Lancaster co.,	"
Nathan A. Keyes	1	2nd Church, Lancaster,	130	115	12	22	12	130	1	3	1	Lancaster city,	"
Joel L. Reber,	4	Millersville,	210	100	24	6	6	189	5	3	2	"	
William Goodrich,	2	New Providence,	130		3	6	1	120			2	Strassburg, Lancaster co.,	"
Daniel Hertz,	6	Ephrata,	270	110	51	21		197		10	2	Ephrata, "	"
John F. Mesick, D. D.,	1	Harrisburg,	241		8	8	5	241		5	2	Harrisburg,	"
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.	2	Elizabethtown,			6					10	1	Elizabethtown, "	"
Daniel Y. Heisler,	5	Hummelstown,	150	100	10	1		112		3	3	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.,	"
Thomas C. Porter,		Prof. in F. & M. College,										Lancaster city,	"
Theodore Apple,		" "										"	"
George B. Russel,		Licentiate,										"	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Bapt. Members.	Baptisms.	By Certificate.	By Confirmat.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommunica.	Deaths.	Sabbath School.
East Pennsylvania Classis,	22	76	6615		867		556	8812			334	42
Lebanon "	18	58	2498		985	84	542	6067	5		342	38
Susquehanna "	22	108	4899	275	749	21	340	5104	15	5	330	51
Zions "	20	71	4215	3303	579	30	254	4442	13		200	36
Maryland "	21	45	5611	3671	695	28	248	4570	33	2	232	37
North Carolina "	7	22										
Virginia "	8	32	851		145	14	72	1299	7	1	21	14
Philadelphia "	19	18		350	169	11	136	2199	3		26	13
Mercersburg "	23	49	3949	2990	332	109	217	2992	60		107	21
Goshenhoppen "	13	44	1632	1000	638	6	328	4588	5		247	30
New York "	12	17	1494		167		60	960			39	5
Lancaster "	12	27	1859	525	168	70	86	1509	8		78	17
Total,	197	562	33623	12114	5494	373	2339	42542	149	8	1956	304

The foregoing is a Summary of the statistical reports. The reports themselves, however, are very imperfect, and hence do not give a true index of the state of the Church. About one tenth, at least, must be added to communicants and confirmations report ed, in order to furnish anything like a correct estimate. The additions to the most of the other items reported must be much larger.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL CONVENTION

OF THE

SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

OF THE

GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH,

CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION

IN DELAWARE, DELAWARE COUNTY, O.,

ON THE 5th of DECEMBER, 1854.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Convention of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States convened in Special Session in Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio, on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened according to appointment. The Rev. H. Rust preached in the German, and the Rev. G. B. Russell in the English language. After Divine Service the Synod was called to order and opened with prayer by the President.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1—MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers—Rev. J. Steiner, P. C. Prugh, H. Rust, R. P. Thomas, A. Stump and H. K. Baines.

Elders—D. Rader, F. Wancleman, J. Thomas, A. Griffy and P. Battdorf.

2—LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers—Rev. G. W. Williard, L. S. Weisz, M. G. I. Stern, J. B. Thompson and H. Williard.

Elders—J. T. Blain, S. Loucks, D. Schwartz and E. Giesy, Esq.

3—WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers—Rev. N. P. Hacke, S. H. Giesy and G. B. Russell.

Elders—None present.

4 — SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers — Rev. H. Shaull and J. C. Klar.
Elder — J. Strock.

5 — TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers — Rev. J. H. Good, E. V. Gerhart, W. K. Zieber, M. Stern, S. S. Rickley and J. G. Ruhl.
Elders — J. Kroh and P. Hoffman.

6 — ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

None present.

7 — CLARION CLASSIS.

None present.

8 — INDIANA CLASSIS.

None present.

9 — ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Minister — Rev. D. Kemmerer.
Elder — Geo. Bechtel.

ARTICLE III.

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING.

The President read the following circular, setting forth the odject of the meeting:

"WHEREAS, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary and President of Heid. College, has announced to the Board of Visitors of the Seminary his desire to resign his office; and whereas the interests of the Church and the Institutions require that this application should be disposed of as early as possible, we the undersigned in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, (page 29,) do respectfully request the President of Synod to call a meeting of Synod in General Convention to convene at Delaware, Delaware County, Ohio, on the first Tuesday in December, at 7 o'clock P. M. 1854, to take action with respect to the following matters:

1. To consider and act upon the request of Rev. E. V. Gerhart to resign the office of Professor of Theology and President of Heidelberg College.

2. In case of the acceptance of his resignation to elect a successor to his post.

3. To take such action with reference to these Institutions as may be necessary in view of these circumstances.

J. H. Good,	*Ministers.*	Joseph Stuckey,	*Elder.*
R. Good,	"	J. Hook,	"
S. S. Rickly,	"	Jacob S. Fogle,	"
S. H. Giesy,	"	Benjamin Rennerd,	"
I. S. Weisz,	"	Isaac Knouff,	"
J. H. Buser,	"		
J. B. Thompson,	"		

The above circular having been received we the undersigned do in virtue thereof according to the Constitution of the Church, call a special meeting of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States in General Convention at the time and place specified in the above circular."

N. P. HACKE, *President.*

Geo. W. Williard, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

The various letters and documents addressed to Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Correspondence, which subsequently presented the following report:

No. 1. Is a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College containing the following abstract of their proceedings, with respect to the endowment of said College and the election of a President.

Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, convened in Tiffin, Ohio, on the 3d. of November, 1854:

"Whereas, a special meeting of Synod is to be called with respect to the affairs of the Seminary and the College:

Resolved, That this Board express its earnest desire to the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States of the Ger. Ref. Church, that that Reverend body would, in such way as in its wisdom it may deem proper, co-operate with the Board in carrying forward the endowment of the Institution, and in obtaining aid for its Building Fund.

1. By requesting the different Classes to co-operate with the Board in obtaining agents for this purpose, and in commending it to the liberality of the Churches.

2. By requesting the Eastern Synod to commend the Institutions to the liberality of its Churches and to permit its agents to operate within the bounds of that Synod.

8. By opening a correspondence with such Bodies on the Continent of Europe as may be thought willing to aid in the establishment of these Institutions."

"WHEREAS, By mutual agreement the Professor in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin has heretofore acted as President of Heidelberg College, and in consideration of his services the College has given the free use of its building, so far as necessary, to the Theological Seminary:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the College express their satisfaction with this arrangement as mutually advantageous, and are again prepared to elect to the Presidency of the College the incumbent of the Theological Professorship, if it shall appear that such an arrangement will be mutually advantageous.

Resolved, That to free the Synod, however, from any embarrassment that may arise from this proposed arrangement, in the selection of a Theological Professor, the Board hereby express a willingness to continue the above arrangement, and to accept the services of the Professor of Theology in any department of instruction, if this should be preferred to his acting as President, as may be mutually agreed upon by the Boards of the two Institutions."

A true copy from the Book of Minutes.

Attest J. H. GOOD, *Secretary of Board.*

This item was referred to the Standing Committee on Heidelberg College. Elder J. Thomas was added to said Committee.

No. 2. Is a letter from Rev. J. G. Zahner containing the following items:

A) The action of St. John's Classis relative to the resignation of Professor E. V. Gerhart, and the election of a successor.

This item was laid on the table until the items in the call of Synod touching upon these subjects would be taken up.

B) Asking to be excused from the session of Synod for reasons stated. [Excused.]

No. 3. Is a letter from the Rev. J. W. Hamm.

A) Expressing his regret at the resignation of Professor E. V. Gerhart, and his own preference of a successor.

Laid on the table until the consideration of the second item in the call of Synod.

B) Asking to be excused from this session of Synod for reasons stated. [Excused.]

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. P. Harbruck of similar import. Disposed of as No. 3.

Respectfully submitted:

J. STEINER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE V.

The first item in the call of Synod relating to the resignation of Professor E. V. Gerhart was taken up, whereupon the President presented the following resignation which was read:

Tiffin, Ohio, Sept. 27th, 1854.

To Rev. N. P. HACKE, President of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States of the German Reformed Church:

Dear Brother: Hereby I resign the office of Professor of Theology in your Theological Seminary and of President of Heidelberg College, to take effect on the first of April 1855, in order to accept a call to the Presidency of Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. When in May 1851, I entered on the work of aiding to rear a College and Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, it was my determination to consecrate my energies to it, "so long as God in his Providence should keep me at the post." But I did not imagine that the period of my labors would be limited to four years. By the Grace of God I have endeavored to be true to the purpose with which I put my hand to the work. The success of the College has been the object of all my desires and hopes and efforts. Though formidable difficulties have beset our path and it has been my lot to pass through various trials, these did not cause me to swerve from my original purpose. Trials were to be expected, and when they came I was willing to endure them patiently, yet the success of the enterprise has from the beginning to the present time been equal to our expectations, and this has all along afforded very great encouragement. During the last Spring and Summer, no less than *nine* young men were dismissed from the Seminary and applied for Licensure. Of these *seven* were foreign Germans. There are now again *eleven* young men connected with the Seminary, of whom *six* are foreign Germans. So large an attendance of foreigners has rendered it necessary to communicate at least one half of the Instruction in the German Language. Whilst my labors have thus been increased, the sphere of the influence of this Seminary has been widened, and the prospect of thus contributing effectually to the relief of our vast destitutions in the West, has afforded me heartfelt pleasure in the performance of my duties. The step which I am now taking does not accordingly argue any want of success or encouragement, nor any diminution of interest on my part in the College and Seminary or of devotion to the prosperity of the western branch of the German Reformed Church. My views of the necessity and importance of these Institutions are unchanged. My willingness to labor for their progress is still the same, and I may add that I returned from the Synod, convened at Greensburg in May last, with a stronger determination to

make sacrifices in the services of these Institutions than I ever cherished before.

I take great pleasure also in acknowledging the many evidences of confidence, affection, sympathy and respect that lay men and Ministers have afforded me as head of their infant Institutions. In my private intercourse with the families of the Church during my frequent visits to different congregations, and at meetings of the Classes and Synod. I have been constrained to realize that Ministers and people are attached to Heidelberg College and Seminary and intend to sustain me in the responsible office which I hold. In consequence I feel at home whatever section of the Church I may visit. In this respect, my position has been very agreeable. For every mark of kindness that I have received I am sincerely thankful. The sense of duty that leads me to sunder these pleasant relations, I can assure you and all the Brethren, produces no other feelings than those of deep regret. I could continue at my post now with more pleasure to myself than I experienced during any former year.

Nevertheless I now lay down the office, with which the Synod has honored me from the conviction that my duty to the Church as a whole, requires me to pursue this course. My election at Lancaster took me greatly by surprise. There had been no previous consultation with me until I received the official communication announcing the result. I did not know or imagine that my name would ever be proposed. Indeed, the matter was not at all the subject of my thoughts. In view of my position at Tiffin my first impressions were decidedly unfavorable, yet as the election was unanimous, the question of acceptance demanded serious consideration. Accordingly I visited Lancaster to enquire into all the facts that should have an influence upon my decision. I received a number of letters arguing both sides of the case. Some earnest protests came from the West. To all I have given serious and respectful attention. After devoting nearly two months to a careful and prayerful examination of the question in all its bearings upon the Church, East and West, I reached the conclusion which I now communicate. Some of the principal considerations that have led me to this conclusion are: The past history of Franklin and Marshall College, its direct and vital relation to the body of the Ger. Reformed Church, its indirect relation to the Church West, as well as all the circumstances connected with my unanimous election. To these considerationsmy important position at Tiffin constituted a strong objection, which I felt deeply and weighed with the utmost seriousness. For weeks my mind was painfully distracted by opposite forces. But the path of duty has become plain, and, whilst I feel very sorry to put the Synod whose Servant I am to any inconvenience or to be the occasion of any loss to our Seminary from temporary uncertainty and suspense,

my decision as made in the fear of God, has the entire approval of my judgment and conscience.

The general principles on which this solemn question has been decided are the same that have regulated my whole course of life, as a Minister of the Gospel. When, in opposition to the warm protests of the people and at a most unfavorable juncture, I resigned my large charge at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in order to take hold of the most doubtful and difficult enterprise in the West, in which the Boards of Missions were engaged, and when, after the lapse of nearly two years, just as the prospects of the Mission were the brightest and my removal seemed to be most prejudicial to its prosperity, I obey your call with a trembling heart to unite with my Colleagues in commencing and establishing Heidelberg College and Seminary; I was controlled by the application of the same principles that have now brought about my resolution to return to the service of my *alma mater*. It was my original intention to remain in Cincinnati at least until the Mission had become a self supporting charge. When I removed to Tiffin, and since I have been filling my present office, the thought of retiring if at all avoidable before the Western Institutions had become permanently established, never entered my mind. It was my full purpose to remain and toil for years to come. But the developments of Providence have diverted me from my purpose, and I had been led to feel time and again that my ways are not God's ways and my thoughts are not His thoughts.

It may, perhaps, be superfluous to add, that my interest in Heidelberg College and Seminary, will not cease with my official relation. Whatever may pertain to their prosperity, cannot but always awaken the liveliest sympathies of my heart. If my life be spared, my position at Lancaster will afford me many opportunities in the course of time, to exert an influence for the benefit of the Western Institutions; and as far as may be consistent with the duties of my office, I shall hold myself pledged to labor for their success. I had a western heart whilst I was residing in the east, else I would have remained there; when duty calls me back, my interest in all your educational and benevolent operations will be unchanged, although I shall no longer live in your midst.

Praying that the Synod may be guided by the great Head of the church in the choice of a successor, and assuring you of my sincere and unchangeable devotion to the welfare of Zion in the West,

I remain, with great respect,

Your Brother in the bonds of the Gospel.

E. V. GERHART

After due consideration it was resolved, that the resignation of Prof. E. V. Gerhart be accepted, whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved,* That this General Synod, assembled in special session, regrets that circumstances have made it necessary to dissolve the connection between Prof. E. V. Gerhart, and our Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

2. *Resolved,* That we tender him our cordial thanks for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties which devolved on him, in the high position to which the church so unanimously elected him.

3. *Resolved,* That we express for him our high personal regard in his official character, and as a Christian and a man affectionately recommend him to the eastern church, which has so unanimously called him into her midst.

4. *Resolved,* As an evidence of this Synod's kindest regards, and unabating love for Prof. Gerhart, we do hereby authorize the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, to pay his salary for the whole year, although he retires two months before its close.

The second item in the call of Synod, together with such documents as referred to it, was next taken into consideration, whereupon the Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck, of Chambersburg, Pa., and the Rev. H. Harbaugh, of Lancaster, Pa., were nominated as suitable candidates for the Professorship of Theology in our Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The hour of 7 o'clock, P. M., was fixed upon for the election of a Professor, to be preceded by devotional exercises for the space of half an hour.

The Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck having received a majority of votes was declared duly elected Professor of Theology in our Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

On motion, it was resolved that the election be declared unanimous, and that the officers of Synod be instructed to tender Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck a call in the name of Synod, with a salary of six hundred dollars, together with the use of a free house.

A Committee, consisting of Rev. Geo. W. Williard, J. Steiner, P. C. Prugh, J. G. Zahner and G. B. Russell, was appointed to install the Professor elect, in case he accept at such time and place as may seem most desirable.

It was further resolved, that in case the Professor elect does not

accept the call tendered him, and that should there be a vacancy in the theological chair, the Board of Trustees of the Seminary be authorized to make provisions in same way, for the instruction of the students in our Seminary.

The Committee on Heidelberg College presented the following report, as coming properly under the third item in the call of Synod, which report was received and adopted item by item.

The Committee on Heidelberg College, to whom was referred the document from the Trustees of said Institution, would respectfully beg leave to report:

That Synod has already twice resolved not to stop until the endowment of said institution shall be complete; and although there are difficulties in the way of now going forward rapidly, yet your committee would respectfully recommend the following action as appropriate in this connection at this time:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, the election of a President of said institution, and that they devise measures to raise an additional endowment of $12,000 for his support.

2. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as we have now struggled for several years to establish and endow our institutions without asking for any assistance from abroad, and as the east has now called and removed from our midst the President of our College, that we deem the present a favorable time to make an appeal to our brethren within the bounds of the eastern Synod for help, and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare an appeal for this purpose.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the said Board of Trustees the ————, as a suitable person for said office, and that we will cordially aid him or whomsoever said Board may elect, in the accomplishment of this object.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees be requested to appoint an agent or agents to raise forthwith the sum of $5000 for the building fund. Respectfully submitted.

S. S. RICKLEY, Ch'mn.
I. S. WEISZ,
JACOB THOMAS.

The committee called for in the second resolution of the above report, consists of Rev. J. H. Good, W. K. Zeiher, and Elder J. Kreh.

Synod next proceeded to fill up the blank in the third resolution of the above report. The Rev. Dr. E. Heiner, Geo. W. Williard, H. Harbaugh, M. Keiffer, and J. H. Good, were nominated as suitable candidates for the Presidency. The Rev. Geo. W. Williard on the

fourth balloting having received a majority of votes, it was resolved that the blank be filled by the insertion of his name as a suitable person for the Presidency of Heidelberg College.

Prof. E. V. Gerhart having made certain statements to Synod respecting the sale of his house and lot in Tiffin, the subject was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. S. S. Rickley, P. C. Prugh, and Elder J. T. Blain. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the purchase by Synod of Prof. Gerhart's residence at Tiffin, would beg leave respectfully to report the following preambles and resolution:

WHEREAS, Prof. Gerhart offers to sell to this Synod, at its actual original cost, his residence situated nearly opposite Heidelberg College, in Tiffin, O.; and

WHEREAS, It is represented that owing to the advanced price of building material and real estate generally, a similar property could not be gotten for a like price; and

WHEREAS, It would be desirable for Synod to have a house for the occupation of the Prof. of Theology; Therefore

Resolved, That this Synod authorize the Board of Trustees to secure said property for the use of the Seminary in such a way as they may think most judicious.

S. S. RICKLEY,
P. C. PRUGH,
J. T. BLAIN.

The stated Clerk was authorized to have the minutes of Synod printed in pamphlet form, and also to publish an abstract of them in the Western Missionary.

On motion, it was resolved, that Synod tender to the German Reform congregation, and the citizens of Delaware its sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their midst, and that the *Pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

The minutes were approved, after which the Synod was closed with prayer, and the apostolic benediction by the President.

N. P. HACKE, President.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk of Synod.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church of Ohio

AND

ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED IN

XENIA, GREENE COUNTY, OHIO,

COMMENCING ITS SESSIONS ON THE 30th OF MAY AT 8 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSING ON TUESDAY, THE 5th OF JUNE, 1855.

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1855.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio, and adjacent States, convened in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, commencing its session on the 30th of May, at 8 o'clock A. M., and closing on Tuesday, the 5th of June, 1855.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the Rev. D. Winters was appointed President *pro tem.* The opening sermon was preached, by the request of the President, by the Rev. Geo. W. Williard, from Neh. vi: 3.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1—FROM THE CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers—Rev. D. Winters, J. Steiner and P. C. Prugh.
Elders—A. H. Baughman, M. Shearer and J. Michael.

2—FROM THE CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers—Rev. G. W. Williard and I. S. Weiss.
Elders—George Hoy and Hon. J. Stuckey.

3—FROM THE CLASSIS OF WESTMORELAND.

Ministers—Rev. George B. Russell and S. H. Giesy.
Elders—A. Beam and M. Zimmerman.

4—FROM THE CLASSIS OF SANDUSKY.

Minister—Rev. H. Shaull.

5—FROM THE CLASSIS OF TIFFIN.

Ministers—Rev. W. K. Zeiber and M. Stern.
Elders—Thomas Swander and C. Meyers.

6—FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. JOSEPH.

Ministers—Rev. R. R. Salter and A. J. Rutan.
Elder—J. F. Kitson.

7—FROM THE CLASSIS OF CLARION.

Ministers—Rev. L. D. Leberman and N. E. Gilds.

8—FROM CLASSIS OF INDIANA.

Minister—Rev. G. Long.*
Elder—J. J. Houck.*

9—FROM THE CLASSIS OF ST. JOHN.

Ministers—Rev. D. Kemmerer and C. Weiler.
Elders—J. Sonnedecker and L. Hawk.

10—FROM THE CLASSIS OF SHEBOYGAN.

Minister—Rev. James Bossard.*

11—FROM THE CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

None present.

12—FROM THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

No delegate present.

Advisory Members—Rev. T. H. Winters, T. Winters, J. Weaver, J. Pence, H. Rust, J. C. Henneman, H. K. Baines, C. Becker, H. Williard, R. P. Thomas, J. H. Reiter, J. Kercher and P. D. Schory.
Licentiates—S. Mease and J. McConnell.
Elders—D. Rader, J. Kroh, J. T. Blain, J. Coblentz, J. Prugh, J. Oldfather, J. Saville, S. J. Bowen and J. Anderson.

*Took their seats on Thursday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. W. K. Zieber was chosen *President*.
Rev. J. Steiner, *Corresponding Secretary*.
Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Treasurer*.
Rev. Geo. W. Williard is the stated *Clerk*.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The standing rules of Synod were read by the stated Clerk, and the following hours fixed for opening and closing the sessions of Synod :

The Morning Session to open at 8, and close at a quarter before 12 o'clock.

The Afternoon Session to open at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Synodical Minutes—Rev. S. H. Giesy, A. J. Rutan and P. C. Prugh; Elders A. H. Baughman and M. Shearer.

On Correspondence—Rev. J. Steiner, D. Kemmerer and I. S. Weisz; Elders J. F. Kitson and C. Meyers.

On Minutes of Classis—Rev. R. R. Salter, M. Stern, C. Weiler and S. H. Giesy; Elders G. Hoy and J. Michael.

On Examination, Licensure, &c.—Rev. D. Winters, D. Kemmerer and T. H. Winters; Elders L. Hawk and T. Swander.

On the State of Religion—Rev. G. B. Russell, P. C. Prugh, S. H. Giesy and M. Stern; Elders J. Sonnedecker and M. Zimmerman.

On Thelogical Seminary—Rev. L. D. Leberman, H. Shaull, A. J. Rutan; Elders J. Michael and T. Swander.

On Missions—Rev. M. Stern, J. Steiner and J. Pence; Elders J. F. Kitson and J. Kroh.

On Finance—Rev. N. E. Gilds, G. B. Russell and L. D. Leberman; Elders G. Hoy and M. Shearer.

On Nominations—Rev. P. C. Prugh, N. E. Gilds and C. Weiler; Elders A. H. Baughman and J. Michael.

On Publication—Rev. A. J. Rutan, R. R. Salter and S. H. Giesy; Elders M. Zimmerman and A. Beam.

On Heidelberg College—Rev. H. Shaull, D. Winters and J. Steiner; Elders J. Kroh and T. Swander.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. I. S. Weisz, P. C. Prugh and J. Weaver; Elders J. T. Blain and L. Hawk.

On Education—Rev. G. W. Williard, D. Winters and N. E. Gilds; Elders M. Zimmerman and C. Meyers.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the committee on Correspondence.

2. The minutes of the different classes were received and referred to the committee on said minutes.

3. The reports of the different Boards and Treasurers were received and referred to their appropriate committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported the following order, which was adopted:

Sermon on Wednesday night, by Rev. H. Shaull.
" " Thursday, by Rev. G. B. Russell.
" " Friday, by Rev. J. Steiner.
" " Saturday afternoon, by Rev. H. Williard.
" " Saturday night, by Rev. S. H. Giesy.
" " Sabbath morning, by Rev. D. Winters.
" " Sabbath afternoon (German), by Rev. Dr. Bossard.
" " Sabbath night, Missionary Anniversary.
" " Sabbath, in Methodist Episcopal Church, morning, by Rev. G. W. Williard.

Sermon on Sabbath night, in Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. J. Steiner.

Sermon on Sabbath afternoon, at Beaver Creek, by Rev. G. B. Russell.

Sermon on Sabbath, in Lutheran Church, by Rev. N. E. Gilds.

Sermon on Sabbath morning, in Baptist Church by Rev. I. H. Reiter.

Sermon on Sabbath night, in Baptist Church, by Rev. S. Mease.

Sermon on Sabbath afternoon, in Infirmary, by Rev. J. McConnell.

Respectfully submitted:

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1. The new classis of St. Johns was directed to adjust difficulties between Rev. J. F. Engleback and the Springfield charge. Page 11.

2. The Corresponding Secretary was directed to give the Chairman of the Extension Board due notice of his appointment, and Synod's action on the subject. Page 12.

3. The month of October, 1854, was set apart as a suitable time to lift collections throughout the Church for a "Church Extension Fund." Page 12.

4. The continuation of a committee on the creation of a higher judicatory. Page 12.

5. The appointment of a committee to consider the propriety of publishing one or more tracts on the history, doctrines and mission of the German Reformed Church. Page 13.

6. The appointment of a committee to confer with a similar commit-

tee of the Synod of North America on the subject of a closer union with the Reformed Churches of Europe. Page 15.

7. A modification of the constitution sent down to the classes for their approval. Page 16.

8. Several resolutions relative to the dissolution of Columbiana and North German Classes, and the formation of a new classis, according to provisions of Synod. Page 18–20.

9. Rev. I. Gerhart was instructed to inform certain complainants against the consistory of the German Reformed Church of Cincinnati; that Synod could not act upon their complaint in its present form. Page 21.

10. St. Joseph Classis was directed to the apparent irregularity of Rev. J. Miller. Page 22.

11. An earnest request that each minister would make strenuous efforts to collect outstanding dues on Plainfield bonds in his charge. Page 38.

12. Editor of the Western Missionary directed to call the attention of absent brethren to the embarrassed condition of the Seminary. Page 39.

13. The apportionment of the Library debt among the different classes. Page 39.

14. Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College requested to secure additional instructors as soon as practicable. Page 40.

15. Is the appointment of the Rev. L. D. Leberman to the Eastern Synod. Page 54.

16. Ministers of Synod earnestly requested to take up special collections for beneficiary education. Page 58.

17. The appointment of a committee on Ministerial Support, to report at this meeting of Synod. Page 61.

18. Several resolutions with respect to the publication of the minutes of Synod in English and German. Page 62.

19. Appointment of Rev. S. S. Rickley to make a map of the boundaries of the several classes. Page 62.

20. Officers of Synod instructed to transmit to Rev. A. Wanner a certificate as to the constitutional organization of the German Reformed Church, Liverpool, Ohio. Page 62.

21. A request that the Treasurer of Synod ascertain Synod's entire indebtedness. Page 63.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL SYNOD AT DELAWARE, OHIO.

22. Election of Rev. Dr. B. S. Schneck as Professor of Theology. Page 10.

23. Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary authorized to pay the salary of Rev. E. V. Gerhart for the whole year, although retiring two months before its close. Page 10.

24. Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary authorized to secure Prof. Gerhart's residence as the property of the Seminary. Page 12.

25. A recommendation to the Board of Trustees of H. C., by Synod,

of Rev. G. W. Williard as a suitable person for the Presidency of the College.

MINUTES OF NORTH AMERICAN SYNOD.

26. The continuation of a committee on the part of the Eastern Synod on the subject of a close alliance with the Reformed Churches of Europe. Page 11.

27. The election of Rev. J. S. Ermentrout, primarius, and Rev. A. H. Kremer, secundus, delegates to this Synod. Page 12.

Respectfully submitted:

S. H. GIESY, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item:

Item 1—Attended to.

Item 2—Attended to.

Item 3—Attended to in part.

Item 4—No report—committee discharged.

Item 5—The committee reported that they had met, examined and discussed the subject for several hours, and came to the following result:

In view of the nature of the proposed tracts, and their bearing upon the interests of the whole Church, both East and West; in view, also, of the consideration due the mother Synod of the German Reformed Church in America, especially in a matter of such vital character, your committee came to the conclusion, unanimously, that both Synods should coöperate in issuing these publications. We therefore propose the following to your body for adoption:

1. The preparation and publication of tracts on the history, genius, doctrines and mission of the German Reformed Church is very necessary and important in view of her posture, relations and increasing missionary work on the continent of America; and effective measures should be taken to accomplish this object without delay.

2. The Synod of Ohio should request the Synod of North America to consider the general subject and give an expression of its opinion; and if both Synods concur in their judgment, solicit the appointment of a committee of three to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Synod of Ohio.

3. It shall be the duty of the joint committee, with the assistance of any whose aid they may request, immediately to prepare suitable tracts for the German Reformed Church; devise some plan of publication and distribution, and submit it for adoption to both Synods.

Respectfully submitted:

E. V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

WM. K. ZIEBER, *Secretary.*

A committee consisting of Rev. G. W. Williard, M. Stern, and S. H. Giesy was appointed to act in concert with a committee from the Eastern Synod in case it concur in the above report.

Item 6—Attended to.

Item 7—Agreed to.
Item 8—attended to.
Items 9, 10, and 12—Attended to.
Items 11 and 13—Attended to in part.
Item 14—See report on Heidelberg College.
Item 15—The Delegate presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reformed Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States:

The undersigned attended the Synod of the German Reformed Church of the United States in Lewisburg, Pa., and was most cordially received. I was present from the first morning of the second day's session, until its final adjournment. It was pleasing to witness the spirit which was uniformly exhibited, and the order and solemnity which prevailed throughout all its transactions. Nothing occurred to mar the feelings of any one, and it was truly a happy sight to see brethren thus dwell together in peace.

The Synod of the United States feels a deep interest in the cause of missions. Her energy is devoted to the Church, not merely to that portion which is more particularly under her jurisdiction, but her pulse is beating warmly for the West. The spirit of missions is advancing within her pale. The past year's increase of contributions, the numerous pledges and life memberships, which were received, amounting to $1200, and the general interest manifested on this subject, by all present, was not only gratifying, but promises well for the future.

The Theological Seminary of the Synod is now permanently endowed. During the past year, it received a liberal bequest of Daniel Kieffer, of Berks County, Pa., of $10,000, and a donation of $5,000 from Miss A. E. Keller, of Huntington County, Pa. Thus in the midst of persecution and distress, this unexpected treasure fell into her lap, and places the institution on a sure footing.

The business referred to it, by this Rev. Synod, received proper attention. May the existing bond of love and union between the two Synods remain for ever.

L. D. LEBERMAN.

The stated Clerk was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer of Synod in favor of the Delegate to the amount of $12 25, being the one half of his expenses.

Item 16—See the report of the committee on Minutes of Classis.

Item 17—The committee reported:

That they have given the subject considerable attention, being fully convinced that it is most intimately connected with the prosperity of our beloved Zion. It requires but little reflection to see that the efficiency of the ministry of any particular branch of the Church must be greatly crippled where there is no adequate support. Ministers of the gospel are men of like passions, and feelings, and wants, with those to whom they labor in holy things, so that if they do not receive a support sufficient to raise them above want, and undue anxiety, they naturally and

necessarily become involved in pecuniary embarrassment, the effect of which is not only discouraging and painfully harassing to ministers themselves, who are often compelled thereby, to save their character and standing in the eyes of the world, and to keep their families from actual want, to engage in some other business in connection with the duties of their office, but calculated, at the same time, to deter pious young men from entering the ministry. Such, therefore, being the inevitable consequence of an inadequate ministerial support, it becomes the solemn duty of the Church to see that the wants of those who are called and set apart to the work of the ministry, and are devoting all their time and energies to it, be properly and fully met.

The result of the investigation of your committee, although not as full and complete as could be desired, is nevertheless sufficient to satisfy every one acquainted with the facts in the case, that the ministry of the German Reformed Church is not as well supported as that of most of the other branches of the Christian Church. This should not be so. Our ministers are as active, laborious, and self-denying as those found in any other denomination; their wants are just as many and pressing; our Church needs all their time and talents, and can, in the judgment of your committee, give a much better support to its ministers, if the matter only be fairly understood.

To show how inadequate is the support of our ministers, and how far it falls below that of some other portions of the Church, we here append the result of the investigation of your committee in reference to this subject.

The average support of the ministers within the bounds of the Miami classis is $400; that of the Lancaster classis is $300; that of Sandusky classis is $285; that of Clarion classis, $370; that of St. Joseph, $145; that of Westmoreland classis, $400; that of Indiana classis, $100; that of Tiffin classis, $180.

Such a state of things should not continue. Efforts should at once be made to improve it, as far as this can be done. To do this, the different classes should exercise great care in confirming calls, and installing pastors over congregations and charges so that their support be properly provided for, and our people, generally, give the subject the serious consideration which its importance demands.

To bring the subject fairly and fully before the Church, your committee would suggest the propriety of this Synod appointing a special committee to draw up, and address through the periodicals of the Church, a pastoral letter to the congregations included in our bounds, calling their special attention to the subject, with the earnest desire that immediate efforts be made to bring about, as soon as possible, an improvement in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

A committee, consisting of Rev. Geo. W. Williard, J. Steiner, H. Shaull, and Elders J. Michael, and J. T. Blain, was appointed to carry out the suggestion in the above report.

Item 18—Attended to.

Item 19—No report being made, the committee was continued, with instructions to report next year.

Item 20—Attended to.

Item 21—See Treasurer's report.

Item 22—See action of Synod under the report of committee on Correspondence.

Items 23, and 24—Attended to.

Item 25—In reference to this item, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College be called to the action of the special Synod of Delaware in reference to the election of a President.

Item 26—The committee reported that but little had been done during the last year, respecting which, the Synod expressed its regret, and appointed a new committee, consisting of Rev. H. Rust, Dr. J. Bossard, J. G. Zahner, N. P. Hacke, H. F. Hartman, and Elders J. Kroh, and H. Lauffer, to carry out the object contemplated.

Item 27—Not present.

ARTICLE IX.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The committee on correspondence presented the following report:

I.—*Calls from vacant Congregations to Ministers.*

None.

II.—*Petitions and Communications.*

No. 1 is a communication from the Rev. B. S. Schneck, D. D., respectfully declining the *call* tendered him by the Special General Convention at Delaware, as Professor of Theology, in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin.

No 2 is a letter from the Rev. E. V. Gerhart, President of Marshall and Franklin College, Lancaster, Pa., enclosing the following reports:

(*a*) Report on the Library.

(*b*) Report of the Library Fund.

(*c*) Report of the Board of Education.

(*d*) Report of the Treasury of Education.

(*e*) Report on the Theological Seminary.

(*f*) Report on closer union of the Reformed Churches of Europe and America.

No. 3 is a letter from the Faculty of Heidelberg College, directing the attention of this Synod to a valuable work, called "Prayer for Colleges."

No. 4 is a letter from M. Keiffer & Co., containing a bill of indebtedness of this body, to the printing establishment at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

No. 5 is a report from the Rev. I. Gerhart, appointed a committee by the Greensburg General Convention, to adjust difficulties between the Cincinnati and Louisville congregations.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. Max. Stern, informing this Synod that Mr. J. Baer, deceased, of Crawford county, Ohio, had devised in his last will and testament, that a certain portion of his estate, amounting to about $850, should be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to be paid by him into the Treasury of the Board of Education, to be used exclusively for the use of theological training of pious Germans for the ministry; and also requesting Synod, through its Treasurer, to settle with the administrator of the estate as soon as possible.

No. 7 is a communication from the Rev. F. C. Bauman, Secretary of the Illinois classis, containing the following items:

(*a*) The acts and proceedings of the last meeting of the classis of Illinois.

(*b*) A statistical report.

No. 8 are letters and testimonials relative to the private and ministerial character of the Rev. J. E. Freygang, D. D.

No 9 is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Zahner, calling the attention of this Synod to the action of St. John's classis, relative to the publication of the acts and proceedings of this body in the German language.

No. 10 is a letter from the excinded members of the Cincinnati Mission, G. Sturel, and G. W. Maas, containing the following items:

(*a*) Reasons why they could not accede to the proposition made to them through their delegate appointed at Greensburg.

(*b*) Copies of the correspondence between the parties.

No. 11 is a petition from M. Shearer, in behalf of the consistories of the Dayton charge, asking the Synod to coöperate with them in obtaining a pastor.

No. 12 is a letter from the Rev. J. S. Ermentrout, delegate from the Synod of N. America to this Synod, regretting that he could not be present at its sessions.

No. 13 is a letter from the consistory of the German Reformed Church at Akron, appealing to this Synod to aid them in the liquidation of the balance of their Church debt.

No. 14 is a statement of grievances of the consistory and membership of the Sandusky City Mission, against Tiffin classis:

(*a*) For refusing to permit them to withdraw from the Church.

(*b*) Complaining against different individuals who made pledges and promises to assist them in building a church edifice, and failing to redeem them.

III.—*Appeals and Complaints.*

No. 1 is a letter from the Rev. C. Kuss, embracing the following items:

(*a*) Complaining against Indiana classis, for not giving him a regular dismission when applied for.

(*b*) Requesting this Synod to express an opinion upon the constitutionality of the following points:

(*a*) Whether it was regular for Indiana classis to complain against him, without giving him an opportunity to defend himself.

(*b*) Whether it is regular for the Indiana classis not to notice the latter for one whole year, in which he applied for a dismissal, by which neglect he was deterred from uniting with the Tiffin classis.

(*c*) Whether it is regular for the Indiana classis to exhibit his character in an unfavorable light before the world, without giving him a regular trial.

IV.—*Letters of Apology from absent Members.*

No. 1 is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Abele, Delegate from the German Verein:

(*a*) Requesting this Synod to excuse his absence.

(*b*) Expressing a desire that the correspondence between this Synod and the German Verein be continued.

(*c*) That a delegate be appointed, during the sessions of this Synod, to meet with the German Verein, in Canal Dover, on the first Thursday of September, A. D. 1855.

No. 2 is a letter from the delegates of the Illinois classis, requesting Synod to excuse their absence.

No. 3 is a letter from the Rev. J. G. Ruhl, assigning domestic affliction as the reason of his absence, and requesting to be excused for non-attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
J. STEINER, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted on item by item.

No. 1. *Resolved*, That Synod expresses its deep regret that Dr. B. S. Schneck has felt himself constrained to decline the call tendered him to our Theological Seminary.

The election of a Theological Professor was made the order of the day on Friday morning, at the opening of Synod, at which time the following order, or arrangement, was adopted for the election.

1. Nominations.
2. Remarks by the members of Synod, according to the roll.
3. A season of silent prayer; to be followed by prayer led by some brother called upon at the discretion of the President.
4. Balloting.
5. In case there be no election on the first ballot, that the one receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped, and so on, until the election is between two candidates.

The following persons were then nominated:

Rev. M. Keiffer, of Reading, Pa.
" J. G. Zahner, of Shanesville, O.

" P. D. Schory, of Seven Mile, O.
" D. Zacharias, D. D., of Frederick, Md.
" H. Harbaugh, of Lancaster, Pa.

Remarks were then made by members of Synod, followed with prayer for divine guidance, after which an election was had with the following result: Rev. M. Keiffer, 16 votes; J. H. Good, 7; H. Harbaugh, 6; P. D. Schory, 1; blank, 1. Rev. M. Keiffer, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That privilege be given those brethren who cast their votes for other nominees, to record them in favor of the Professor elect; whereupon eight votes were so recorded.

The officers of Synod were instructed to forward a call to the Prof. elect, with a salary of $600 per annum, with a house free of rent.

A committee, consisting of Rev. D. Winters, J. Steiner, G. W. Williard, D. Kemmerer, and P. C. Prugh, was appointed to install the Prof. elect, in case of his acceptance.

2. For items (*a*) (*b*) and (*c*), see the report of the committee on the Theological Seminary.

For items (*c*) and (*d*), see report of committee on the Seminary.

For item (*f*), see action of Synod on 26th item in the report of the committee on Synodical Minutes.

No. 3. The attention of the members of Synod was directed to the book referred to.

No. 4. was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. D. Winters, I. S. Weisz, P. C. Prugh; Elders A. H. Baughman, and J. Stuckey, with instructions to inquire into the account, and cancel it, if not paid.

No. 5. Attended to the duty assigned.

No. 6. *Resolved*, That Synod has heard with much pleasure that J. Baer, deceased, has willed a portion of his estate to the Church, and and would authorize its Treasurer to go to Crawford county, receive whatever portion of the legacy is due, and hand it over to the Treasurer of Education, who shall invest said amount as a permanent fund.

No. 7. (*a*) was referred to the committee on minutes of classes.

(*b*), To the committee on religion.

No. 8. Referred to a special committee, consisting of one member from each classis, Rev. J. Steiner, G. W. Williard, G. B. Russell, H. Shaull, M. Stern, A. J. Rutan, L. D. Leberman, G. Long, D. Kemmerer, and Dr. Bossard.

This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

That the colloquüm held with the Rev. Dr. F. E. Freygang, and the testimonials placed in their hands, were satisfactory, and would, therefore, recommend his application for membership in the Church to the favorable notice of Synod.

J. STEINER, *Chairman*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the name of Dr. Freygang be entered on the roll of Synod, on his signing the formula, and that he be placed under the care and jurisdiction of Lancaster classis.

No. 9. Acceded to.

No. 10. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the complainants be referred to the former action of Synod in their case, and notified that they can not be heard until they comply with the instructions therein contained.

No. 11. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh, G. Long, A. J. Rutan, G. W. Williard; Elders T. Swander, and J. Michael. The committee subsequently presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod deeply sympathize with the Dayton charge in its destitution, and earnestly pray that God, in his mercy, may speedily open a way through which a pastor may be secured; but as a delegation from said charge has recently had an interview with certain members of Synod, we deem it inexpedient to interfere with the arrangements thus entered into.

No. 12. Synod expressed its regret that the delegate from the Eastern Synod could not be present.

No. 13. Referred to the Board on Church extension.

No. 14. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Bossard, L. D. Leberman, C. Weiler; Elders J. Stuckey, and C. Meyers. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

That they examined the matter placed in their hands, and find that it does not fall properly under the jurisdiction of Synod; and would, therefore, suggest that it be referred back to the Tiffin classis, with the request that the petition of the Sandusky Mission be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOSSARD, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That Dr. Bossard be appointed to notify the congregation at Sandusky of this action.

Appeals and Complaints.

No. 1. Referred to special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Bossard, C. Weiler, D. Winters; Elders J. Sonnedecker, and M. Shearer. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

From all the information your committee could obtain, it would appear that Rev. C. Kuss asked a dismissal from Indiana classis, which was not granted, upon the ground that he had represented the classis as heterodox. The minutes of Indiana classis contain no reference to this: but the delegate from said classis says such was the fact. This information Rev. C. Kuss obtained through a private source. In the opin-

ion of your committee, the classis had a right to demand satisfaction of Rev. C. Kuss; but it is to be censured that no mention is made, of so important a matter, in its minutes It was also the duty of Indiana classis to notify Rev. C. Kuss of the complaint made against him, which was not done, according to the statement of the complainant. Rev. G. Long, Corresponding Secretary of Indiana classis, alleges, however, that he wrote to Rev. C. Kuss on the subject.

Your committee would propose, 1. That Rev. G. Long write again to Rev. C. Kuss. 2. That Synod recommend the Indiana classis to bring the matter between it and Rev. C. Kuss to a speedy, righteous, and, if possible, friendly issue.

Respectfully submitted,
J. BOSSARD, *Chairman.*

Letters of Apology, etc.

No. 1. (*a*) Synod expressed its regret that Rev. Abele could not be present.

(*b*) The correspondence was continued, and the delegate instructed to notify the "Verein" that there are certain difficulties in the way of the continuance of the correspondence.

(*c*) Rev. J. G. Zahner was appointed Primarius, and Rev. D. Kemmerer, Secundus, to attend the next meeting of the "Verein."

No. 2. Referred to their classis.

No. 3. Referred to his classis.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item, and is as follows:

I.—*Irregularities.*

Item 1. Lancaster, Indiana, and Tiffin classes fail to notice the absentees at the organization of classis. [Adopted.]

2. Tiffin and Illinois classes send up their minutes in an irregular form, on separate pieces of paper, without stitching, making it inconvenient for reference. [Adopted.]

3. Tiffin classis transacted business without a quorum—examined and licensed a young man to preach the gospel without giving his Christian name. [Adopted.]

4. Indiana classis fail to record the *call* upon which a special meeting of classis is held—erased the name of a minister from the roll at his own request, without assigning a reason, or dismissing to a special place; sends up its minutes on foolscap instead of letter paper. [Adopted.]

5. St. Joseph classis fails to record the names of both present and absent, at the convening of classis. [Adopted.]

6. St. John classis elected no delegates to Synod. [Adopted.]

Resolved, That it be the opinion of Synod that the constitution requires a certificate, signed by the stated clerk, as proper credentials of appointment as a delegate to Synod.

7. Sandusky classis received a member from another classis, without a regular certificate of dismission.

Resolved, That the action of Sandusky classis be justified, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case.

8. Clarion, Indiana, St. John, Tiffin, and Illinois classes failed to send up their reports on the state of religion, and statistics, on a separate sheet of paper for the use of the committee on the state of religion. [Adopted.]

II.—*Requests and Recommendations.*

1. Miami and Lancaster classes request that the Trustees of Heidelberg College give a full statement of the financial condition of the Institution.

See report of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

2. Sandusky classis requests Synod to aid in the missionary enterprise at Massillon.

Resolved, That in case the Massillon congregation send out an agent to collect funds for its relief, the officers of Synod recommend such an agent to the favorable notice of Synod.

3. Sandusky and St. John classes request Synod to elect, as soon as possible a man in our Institution at Tiffin who can satisfy both the German and English interests of the Church, and give it as their opinion that the Church is not prepared to support two professors. [Adopted.]

4. Indiana classis requests Synod to extend its boundary line from its present limits to 41° north latitude.

5. St. Joseph classis requests that the boundaries of the St. Joseph classis be so changed as to make the line running south from the Michigan and Indiana State line, running between the counties of Lagrange and Elkhart, in Indiana, as far south as the original south line of the classis, the west line of St. Joseph classis, and that all west of that line in the State of Indiana and the State of Michigan, be formed into a new classis, to be called the Michigan classis.

Nos. 4 and 5 were referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. G. B. Russell, R. R. Salter, Geo. Long, Elders C. Meyers and J. Michael, which subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

From statements laid before the committee by representatives of both parties concerned in the proposed changes, we conclude to recommend the following as the boundaries of the several classes herein named, until further ordered.

Indiana Classis—To be bounded *on the south* by the southern boundary of the State; *on the west*, by the Indiana and Illinois State

line, extending to the northern limit of Warren county, Indiana; *on the north*, by the northern line of Warren, Tippecanoe, Clinton, Tipton, Madison, Delaware and Randolph counties, Indiana; *on the east*, by the Ohio and Indiana State line.

St. Joseph Classis—To be bounded *on the north* by the southern State line of Michigan; *on the east*, by the eastern limits of Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert and Mercer counties, in the State of Ohio; *on the south*, by a line extending along the northern limits of the Indiana classis, as above given, to the west side of Grant county, Indiana, and on the west by the western boundaries of Grant, Wabash, Whitley, Noble and Legrange counties, Indiana.

That part of Northwestern Indiana, not included in the above, together with the State of Michigan, to be formed into a new classis, to be called Goshen classis.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE B. RUSSELL.

6. Westmoreland classis requests Synod (*a*) to express an opinion whether it would be *right* and *duty* for a minister of the German Reformed Church to put back from the sacrament of the Lord's Supper members of sister denominations, who have been invited in accordance with the common custom of the Church, against whom charges may have been preferred, but who have not been disciplined by the proper authorities of the Church to which they belong. (*b*). It also requests Synod to define what it meant by the column headed "members," as distinguished from those headed "baptised members," or "communicants," in the formula; and requests that the various columns may be so headed as to avoid confusion. (*c*). It likewise requests Synod to take into consideration, in connection with the Eastern Synod, the propriety of establishing a Sabbath School paper, for the use of the Sabbath schools and youth of our church.

(*a*) *Resolved*, That Synod concur in the decision of the Westmoreland classis, that it is not the *duty* of such a minister, but that he may exercise the *right* at his discretion, according to the nature of the case.

(*b*) Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. G. B. Russell, J. Steiner, N. E. Gilds, Elders T. Swander, and J. Stuckey. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

It is not without great reason that the request of the Westmoreland classis is made. The great discrepancy and incompleteness of the statistics have long been a matter of complaint and regret. It is therefore highly important that Synod, and the several classes in our bounds give due attention to this subject. We would therefore recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that all persons should be numbered among the members of the Church, who have ever been confirmed or otherwise entitled to membership, and whose names have never been erased by the discipline of the Church.

Resolved, That the following be the order of the statistical table:

FORM OF A CLASSICAL REPORT FOR SYNOD.

Classis of..... for 18.....

Ministers' Names.	No. of Congregation.	Name of Charge.	No. of Baptized members not confirmed.	No. of Members—all who have been Confirmed.	No. of Communicants, or regular members.	No. of Baptisms in year.	No. of Confirmations.	No. received by Certificate	No. Dismissed.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Amount collected for Benevolence.	Post Office Address.

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Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

(c) Referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. Steiner, L. D. Leberman and H. K. Baines; Elders A. Beam and A. H. Baughman to report at the next Synod.

7. Sheboygan classis requests Synod (a) to send an exploring missionary into the Western States, especially Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Referred to the Board of Missions.

8. The same classis requests Synod to provide a new German Hymn Book, that will meet the wants of the Church, and contain the Psalms.

Referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. Bosard, M. Stern, H. Rust, Elders G. Hoy and J. J. Houck, to report at next Synod.

III.—*References to Classes.*

1. Miami, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Lancaster, Clarion and St. Joseph classes concur in the request of Synod in revising the constitution.

2. Miami, Westmoreland, Sandusky, Clarion and St. Joseph classes will comply with request to collect outstanding dues in favor of the Seminary.

3. Miami, Westmoreland, Sandusky, (in part), Clarion, and St. Joseph, Tiffin and Indiana classes attend to the apportionment of Synod for Library debt.

4. Miami and Sandusky classes comply with the request of Synod, with reference to contingent fund of Synod.

5. Illinois, St. Joseph, Sandusky, Westmoreland and Clarion classes consent to the recommendation of Synod with regard to the use of liturgies recommended by Synod.

6. Westmoreland, Lancaster, St. Joseph and Sandusky classes have made arrangements to carry out the wishes of Synod in regard to Church extension.

7. Miami, Sandusky, Clarion and Westmoreland classes acquiesced in Synod's request in regard to beneficiary education, and took measures to raise collections.

8. Illinois, Westmoreland and Sandusky classes will endeavor to comply with request of Synod in writing for the Western Missionary.

9. Sandusky, Miami, St. Joseph, Clarion, and Westmoreland classes excused their members that were absent from the General Convention.

10. Westmoreland, Miami, St. Joseph, Clarion, Sandusky and Lancaster classes called the attention of their people to Synod's request in regard to the low salaries of ministers.

11. North German classis complied with the request of Synod, in dissolving, in connection with the Columbiana classis, on the 21st January, 1855, and the members, constituting those classes before their dissolution, organized themselves into a classis known as the "Classis of St. John."

12. St. John classis attended to the matter referred to it in the case of Rev. Englebach, by requesting the Springfield congregation to change its constitution so as to have regular elections in future.

13. St. Joseph classis attended to the matter referred to it in the case of Rev. J. Miller.

IV.—*Licensures, Ordinations, Receptions and Dismissions.*

Miami classis licensed Mr. I. H. Reiter, received Licentiate, R. P. Thomas, from the classis of Maryland; ordained I. H. Reiter and R. P. Thomas; received Rev. J. Dohlman and Rev. C. Becker, from the New York classis; and dismissed Rev. W. K. Zeiber to Tiffin classis, and Rev. A. Toensmeir to the classis of Indiana.

2. Clarion classis received Rev. N. E. Gilds from Columbiana classis, Rev. F. Wahl and the Licentiate, C. A. Limberg from the classis of Tiffin; dismissed Rev. J. S. Shade to the classis of Susquehanna; ordained Mr. C. A. Limberg.

Sandusky classis received Rev. P. J. Spangler from Columbiana classis; licensed C. H. Reiter and Ludwick Follett; ordained Mr. J. J. Excell; dismissed Rev. E. F. Loeders to Tiffin classis.

4. Tiffin classis dismissed Licentiate C. A. Limberg to Clarion clasis, J. Blaetgen to classis of Indiana; Rev. P. Meis to Dubuque Presbytery; Rev. Dr. Bozard, Rev. A. H. Winter and Rev. A. Muhlmeir to Sheboygan classis, and Rev. F. C. Baumen to Illinois classis; licensed C. A. Limberg and J. Blaetgen and Eshmeyer; ordained Messrs. H. Bentz, Swartz, F. C. Bauman and Wm. Spies; received Rev. W. K. Zieber from classis of Miami.

5. Lancaster classis licensed Samuel Mease; dismissed Rev. H. Williard to Sandusky classis.

6. Indiana classis ordained J. Blaetgen; received Rev. A. Toensmier from the classis of Miami.

7. St. John's classis licensed Carl Lenekemper and R. Bank; ordained Carl Lenekemper; received Rev. N. Gehr from Mercersburg classis; dismissed Rev. N. Gehr to Philadelphia classis; expelled Rev. Jacob Kaul from the gospel ministry.

8. Illinois classis received Rev. D. Kroh and Rev. Geo. Weber from St. Joseph classis, Rev. J. P. Decker from East Pennsylvania classis, and Rev. F. C. Bauman from Tiffin classis, and Rev. J. U. Zurcher of Switzerland.

v.—*Time and Place of the Annual Meeting of Classis.*

1. Clarion classis meets in Good Hope Church, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1855, at 10 A. M.; Rev. D. B. Ernst, President, Rev. H. L. Hartman, Secretary.

2. Miami classis meets in Millville, Butler county, Ohio, the second Tuesday in October, 1855, in the evening; Rev. J. Steiner, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk; wishes 450 copies of minutes if they can be published at ten cents a copy.

3. Sandusky classis meets in Reedsburg, Wayne county, Ohio, the last Saturday in October, 1855; Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, Rev. H. Shaull, Stated Clerk.

4. Westmoreland classis meets in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the third Thursday in October, 1855, at 6½ P. M.; Rev. W. Conrad, President, Rev. S. H. Giesy, Stated Clerk.

5. Tiffin classis meets in McCutchensville, Wyandot county, Ohio, August 22, 1855, at 10 A. M.; Rev. M. Stern, President, Rev. H. J. Ruetenik Stated Clerk.

6. Lancaster classis meets at Winchester, Fairfield county, Ohio, on Thursday before the full moon, in October, 1855, at 7 P. M.; Rev. G. W. Williard, President, Rev. I. S. Weisz, Stated Clerk.

7. St. Joseph classis meets at Fairfield Centre, De Kalb county, Indiana, the last Thursday before the full moon in January, 1856, at 7 P, M.; Rev. R. R. Salter, President, Rev. W. M. Reed, Stated Clerk.

8. Indiana classis meets at Poland, Clay county, Indiana, the first Friday after Easter, 1856, at 9 A. M. Rev. J. H. Zumpie, President, Rev. C. Pleus, Stated Clerk.

9. St. John's classis meets in North Lima, Mahoning county, Ohio, the first Tuesday in October, 1855, at 2 P. M.; Rev. S. K. Denius, President, Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk; wishes 150 copies of minutes in German, and 175 in English.

10. Illinois classis meets in Harmony Church, Iowa, the second Friday in October, 1855, at 2 P. M.; Rev. D. Kroh, President, Rev. F. C. Bauman, Stated Clerk.

11. Sheboygan classis meets in the Ebenezer Church, near Manitoona, Wisconsin, the last Thursday in April, 1856, at 9 A. M.; Rev. James Bozard, President, Rev. A. Muhlmeir, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted:

R. R. SALTER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The committee on Examination, etc., reported through its chairman, Rev. D. Winters, that there were no applications. [Adopted.]

ARTICLE XII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary*

The old Board having been reëlected, the organization remained the same as the former year.

The past year has been one of great importance in view of the changes that have taken place in our Theological Seminary. Our Professor, Rev. E. V. Gerhart, having received and accepted a call to the Presidency of Franklin and Marshall College, resigned his office in our Seminary, so that the Institution has been without a Professor for several months past. In consequence of this vacancy, the Board employed the Faculty of Heidelberg College, in connection with the Rev. W. K. Zeiber, to impart instructions to the students in our Seminary, until the meeting of Synod, so as to prevent any interruption in the course of instruction. It will, therefore, be necessary for this Synod to take immediate steps to fill the vacancy in our theological chair.

The Board, in accordance with the instructions of Synod at Delaware, has purchased the house and lot of Prof. Gerhart, at the sum of $2,020 00. Before making the purchase the Board commissioned its President to go to Tiffin to examine the property, and make all necessary inquiries about the title and other matters connected therewith. The house is yet new, having only been built a short time. The lot is large, and occupies a commanding position. The amount which the Board paid for it is less than the actual cost, so that if we consider the increased value of the lot, and the advance of price in building, the purchase may be regarded, under the circumstances, a safe and judicious one. The Board has made a payment of about $800 on the purchase, and given notes for the balance, which will require a payment of the outstanding dues of the Seminary, to meet its liabilities.

The Board is sorry to be under the necessity of making another complaint to Synod of the tardiness of those who have taken Plainfield Bonds, and are otherwise indebted to the Seminary, in paying the interest on their bonds and notes, but we are compelled to do so inasmuch as this backwardness has made it impossible for the Board to pay the salary of the Professor, notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made to do so.

We refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer for any further information that may be desired respecting the financial condition of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *President of Board.*

II.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treasurer.*

In account with *Seminary German Reformed Church*, Dr.

1854.		
	Balance on hand as per report of last year	$66 73
May 27.	Adam Rohn, balance of his bond	10 00
"	Mrs. Amelia Schmertz, on her bond	20 00
"	Samuel Nazor, payment on note	10 00
"	J. Crone, " "	10 00
Aug. 10.	Of Sundry persons per Rev. P. C. Prugh, $22 50 less 6 per cent. for collection, $3 03	19 47
10	Jacob Shroyer, on his note	15 00
"	Marquis Allen " "	10 00
Sept 22.	John Bates, " "	15 00
"	S. Crumbaugh, " "	5 00
Nov. 15.	John Miller, " "	5 00
Dec. 5.	George Doudel, on P. Bond	25 00
" 6.	John Whitmore and Miss E. Baughman in full, $20 00 less balance paid Rev. H. Shaull, in full $17 62	2 38
" 26.	William Etling, on his note	5 00
1854.		
Dec. 26.	B. Bower, on his note	2 50
Jan. 24.	Joseph Keiffer, on his note	20 00
"	Sebastian Rode, and Jacob Holser, each $10	20 00
Feb. 21.	Adam Rader, Sr., on his note	5 00
" 24.	G. W. and Mrs. M. M. Holm, on their note	10 00
"	Nicholas Lutze, on their note	5 00
Mar. 8.	Miss Ann E. Stemble	5 00
" 21.	Michael Schmutz, on his note	5 00
" 24.	Jacob Herring, on his note, in full	18 00
"	Thomas Beall	10 00
April 11.	Lewis Mease, Jr. and L. W. Mease, each $5	10 00
" 18.	Jacob Snyder, on his note, in full	25 00
"	Michael Schmutz, on his note in full	5 00
May 16.	Jacob Musselman, on note	5 00
" 19.	Dr. G. W. Maris, on loan	138 75
	Total	$502 83

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By expenses allowed Treasurer going to Greensburgh	$13 50
By amount paid on purchase of Professor's house	377 50
By Cash on hand	111 83
Total	$502 83

FUND FOR PROFESSOR'S SALARY.

1855.		
May 24.	Aaron Rohn, interest on bond	3 00
"	Rev. H. Shaull, " "	6 00
May 30.	A. H. Baughman, " "	6 00
"	Mrs. Mary Baughman, interest on bond	6 00
"	Neriah Mich, charge pledge at Synod	5 00
"	Joseph Cort, Esq., pledge at Synod	5 00
"	Rev. H. Shaull, pledge at Synod	10 00
"	Henry Lauffer and Daniel Kiehl, each $5,	10 00
"	Cæsar Creek, cong., half their pledge	5 00

May 31.	Rev. J. B. Thompson, interest on bond	6	0
June 9.	J. Shilling, interest on bond	3	0
" 14.	Samuel Crist, interest on bond	6	0
" 19.	Miss E. Stump, interest on bond	3	0
" 22.	Mrs. Amelia Schmertz, interest on bond	6	0
"	J. M. and W. Rader, interest on bond	3	0
"	A. Fauber, interest on bond	4	8
"	Henry Garbaugh, immediate use	5	0
June 27.	Mrs. Sarah Dressler, interest on bond	3	0
July 5.	Cæsar Creek, cong. bal. pledge at Synod	5	0
" 11.	Jonathan Snyder, interest on bond	6	0
" 11.	Rev. P. C. Prugh interest on bond	4	0
" 17.	Rev. G. B. Russell, pledge at Synod	11	0
" 27.	Greensburgh cong., $6 25, Salem, $3 30, Yockey's, $3 45	13	0
" 29.	Rev. J. W. Hamm, interest on bond	6	0
" 29.	John Tawney, $3; Rev. D. Winters $6	9	0
Aug. 2.	Xenia charge pledge at Synod	10	0
" 2.	Rev. J. W. Hamm, for immediate use	5	0
" 9.	Rev. J. H. Buser, interest on bond	5	0
" 9.	Rev. G. W. Williard, pledge at Synod, Columbus charge	5	0
" 9.	John Foulke and M. Rouch, per Rev. Warner	4	0
" 10.	Germantown col. for im. use, per Rev P. C. Prugh	5	0
" 11.	J. Oldfather and S Oldfather, for im. use	3	0
" 11.	St. Jame's Church collection, per Rev. S. B. Leiter	8	1
" 11.	A. H. and S. H. Baughman, interest on bond	8	1
" 23.	John Reedy, interest on bond	3	0
Sept. 3.	Highland charge, part pledge at Synod	5	0
" 9.	Martin Weimer, interest on bond	3	0
" 9.	Daniel Flickenger, interest on bond	6	0
" 9.	Joseph Musser, interest on bond	6	0
" 22.	J. Maurer, interest on bond	6	0
" 22.	J. Sonnedecker, interest on bond	3	0
" 26.	Daniel Wampler, interest on bond	3	0
Oct. 31.	Fairfield charge, pledge at Synod	10	0
Nov. 1.	Jesse Prugh, interest on bond	6	0
" 1.	Rev. A. Wanner, part pledge at Synod	5	0
" 6.	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeir, pledge at Synod	10	0
" 7.	William Betz and Adam Bair, each $6	12	0
" 7.	Jacob Mayer $5, and John Urbin $6	11	0
" 7.	Rev. Isaac Gerhart, pledge at Synod	5	0
Dec. 4.	John Steel, interest on note	3	0
" 5.	J. W. Fenstermaker, interest on bond	3	0
" 6.	Henry Bott, interest on bond	3	0
" 6	Feeman & Rhodes, interest on bond	6	0
" 6.	Rev. N. P. Hacke, pledge at Synod	10	0
" 16.	Rev. A. Wanner, balance of pledge at Synod	1	0
" 25.	Mrs. Agnes Wahl, interest on bond	3	0
" 29.	Rev. D. Winters " "	6	0
1855.			
Jan. 9.	J. Templar, " "	1	0
" 30.	Rev. S. B. Leiter, " "	6	0
Feb. 14.	Rev. H. Hoffman, pledge at Synod	5	0
" 21.	Moses Shearer, interest on bond	10	0
" 24.	G. W. and Mrs. M. M. Holm, interest on note		6
" 24.	Rev. F. Wise, pledge at Synod	10	0
Mar. 10.	Dr. G. W. Maris, interest on loan	18	5
" 10.	John L. Gill, interest on loan	17	5
" 20.	A. and J. Mast, and Mrs. Albert, interest on bond	4	0
" 23.	Rev. D. Winters, pledge at Synod	25	0
" 24.	Jacob Herring, interest on note	2	0
" 24.	Rev. J. H. Buser, interest on bond	5	0
" 30.	Rev. J. Ruhl, " "	5	0
Apr. 11.	Michael Hewit, " "	6	0
" 19.	Geo. Shaffer, " "	3	0
May 15.	John Reedy, " "	3	0
" 16.	Henry Brehm, " "	3	0

May 28.	Jacob Kuhn, interest on bond	3 00
" 29.	Rev. J. W. Hamm, " "	6 00
	Total	$465 71

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By amount paid Prof. Gerhart, on last year, in full	$332 33
" " " " " on present year	111 27
Amount on hand	22 11
Total	$465 71

The Treasurer would state that there is yet due Prof. Gerhart $488 73. Every effort has been made to collect in the amounts due in interest on Plainfield Bonds; some have responded while others are owing three and four years, and nothing has been received from them.

Respectfully,

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treasurer.*

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 29, 1855.

III.—*Report on the Library.*

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to present the following report:

It affords me pleasure to communicate the fact that, as a result of the apportionment of $100 among the different classes for the benefit of the Library, all liabilities have been canceled, two small items, only, excepted. There is still a balance of $4 90 due Kieffer & Co., for binding books, not including interest. The funds, however, were not quite equal to all the demands on the treasury. As I felt anxious to make certain settlements, and at the same time to have my account square before my removal to Lancaster, I borrowed the small sum of $5 79 from the Treasury of the Board of Education, as will appear from an examination of the accounts. Presuming that the Synod will continue a committee on the Library—a course which, under existing circumstances, is very necessary—this loan can be refunded as soon as unpaid apportionments are paid. There is still due the Library Fund, the following sums:

From Miami classis, ($14 paid,)	$6 00
" Lancaster classis	15 00
" Sandusky classis	5 00
" St. Joseph's classis	5 00
Total	$31 00

The liabilities amount to $10 69. When these shall be canceled, and all the dues paid, there will be a balance in the treasury of $10 31. This will be very much needed for binding some valuable books and periodicals, which in their present state can not be used without injury. A small fund should also be on hand to pay freight on donations of

books, as it is hoped that ministers, laymen, and churches, will continue to remember the claims of the Library.

During the year, I have received valuable donations to the Library from Rev. J. G. Zahner, who has contributed liberally to this object every year; from Rev. Geo. Wack, of Montgomery county, Pa., the celebrated work, Poole's Synopsis, in five quarto volumes, well bound; and from Rev. Dr. Bossard, several volumes of Dr. Ebrard's Reformirte Kirchenzeitung.

The first Librarian, Rev. I. H Reiter, took his dismission from the Seminary, and removed from Tiffin, last July; when I appointed Mr. G. Z. Mechlin, a theological student, well qualified for the office of Librarian, who has been punctual and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

Appended to this report is a copy of my account as Treasurer of the Library Fund, from which it will be seen that I have received and disbursed the sum of $96 47.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. GERHART.

LANCASTER, PA., *May*, 1855.

LIBRARY FUND, THEO. SEM., GER. REF. CHURCH,
In account with Rev. E. V. GERHART.

		Dr.
1854		
June 14.	To discount on note at bank for $25 00, renewed	$00 75
July 3.	To freight on box from Massillon, O	1 50
" 6.	" on package from Fort Wayne to Toledo	50
" 26.	To balance due Carter & Bros., New York	10 00
Aug. 12.	To freight on package from Norristown, Pa	1 38
" 25.	To discount on note for $25, renewed at bank	75
Oct.	" " " "	75
"	Freight, a balance due Mr. Boyce, Tiffin, O	10 32
Nov.	To note paid at bank, Arnold & Tomb	25 00
Dec. 9.	3 vols. Kitto's Illustrations, Carter & Bro's	2 10
" 15.	To note paid at bank, Arnold & Tomb	25 00
1855.		
Mar. 22.	To cash paid Yerk, Tiffin, O., for stove, pipe, &c., for Library	10 31
" 28.	To postage	1 11
May 22.	To cash paid Kieffer & Co., Chambersburg, Pa	7 00
		$96 47

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1854.		
May 25.	By cash in hand at settlement	$14 48
" 27.	" from Rev. S. H. Giesy	1 00
" 29.	" " Mr. D. Kiehl, Greensburg, Pa	1 00
June 19.	" " Rev. Engelbach	3 00
" 28.	" a box sold	10
" 29.	" from Librarian, duplicate sold	2 10
Oct. 20.	" " Rev. Herbruck, Treasurer St. Joseph's classis	5 00
" 31.	" " Rev. D. Winters, Treas. Miami classis	9 00
Nov. 15.	" " Rev. H. Hoffman, Treas. Clarion classis	11 00
Dec. 6.	" " Rev. S. B. Russell, Treas. Westmoreland classis	14 00
1855.		
Jan. 22.	" " Rev. J. Baumunk, Miami classis	1 00
Mar. 28.	" " Thomas Swander, Treas. Tiffin classis	12 00
" "	" borrowed from Education Treasury	5 79
" 29.	" from Rev. I. H. Reiter, a coll. in charge Miami classis	4 50
" 31.	" " J. J. Hauck, Treas. Indiana classis	3 00
		$96 47

IV.—*Report of the Committee on the Seminary.*

The committee on the Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was adopted:

The different documents placed into the hands of your committee presents the following facts:

Prof. E. V. Gerhart has received and accepted a call to the Presidency of Franklin College, at Lancaster, Pa., to which he removed in April last. In consequence of this, the institution has been without a Professor. The Board employed the Faculty of Heidelburg College, and the Rev. Mr. Zieber, to impart instructions, so as to prevent any interruption in the course of instructions.

The Board, in accordance with the instructions of the special meeting of Synod at Delaware, has purchased the house and lot of Professor Gerhart for $2020 00. A payment of $800 00 was made on the purchase, and the Board obligated itself for the balance still due. To cancel these obligations, as they become due, it becomes necessary to have the outstanding dues of the Seminary promptly canceled.

During the past year 19 students were in connection with the Seminary. Of these, 8 were dismissed, viz.: Isaac H. Reiter, Cyrus H. Reiter, Fred. C. Bauman, John H. Klein, John Blaetgen, Wm. Spies, Caspar Sheel, and Charles Limberg.

From the Treasurer's report on the finances of Theological Seminary, your committee learns the painful fact that the Synod's indebtedness to Prof. Gerhart is not less than $488 73. Efforts were made by the Treasurer to collect the dues of the Seminary on Plainfield Bonds and subscriptions, but few responded.

The report received from Synod's chairman on the Library shows the following result. All liabilities have been canceled, with the exception of two small items, viz.: $4 90, due M. Kieffer & Co., for binding books, and $5 79, borrowed from the Treasury of the Board of Education. The following classes are still in arrear to the Library Fund:

Miami classis	$6 00
Lancaster classis	15 00
Sandusky "	5 00
St. Joseph's "	5 00
Total	$31 00

It is desirable that Synod should continue a similar committee to attend the Library Fund, and have such books bound as receive injury in their state.

During the past year some valuable works were received from the Rev. J. G. Zahner, Geo. Wack, and Dr. Bossard.

In view of the foregoing facts your committee offers the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the Rev. Wm. K. Zieber, J. H. Good, and Elder T. Swander, be appointed to superintend the Library, and the chairman act as Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Seminary be requested to col-

lect, promptly, the outstanding dues of the Seminary, and liquidate the indebtedness to Prof. Gerhart as speedily as possible.

Resolved, That the delinquent classes to the Library Fund be requested to cancel their apportionment, and the Treasurer of the Library Fund be requested to notify such classes.

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIII.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The committee on Heidelberg College reported, through Rev. D. Winters, that the only document placed in its hands was the report of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, which is as follows:

Report of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.

The Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College held a meeting at Tiffin, at the close of the last winter session of the Institution.

According to the 18th Standing Rule of Synod, the duty of the Board is "to be present at the examination of the students of the College, to examine the condition of the Institution, to report to Synod the result of such examination, and to make such suggestions, from year to year, as they may deem proper." Our report will embrace these items in the order thus given.

Examination of the Students.

The public examination of the students afforded satisfactory evidence that they were carefully instructed, and that they had not neglected to improve the excellent opportunity afforded them to obtain a liberal education.

Condition of the Institution.

As no report has hitherto been made to Synod by this Board, we deem it proper to enter into a fuller statement of the condition of the Institution than would otherwise be necessary.

1. *Income of the College.*

First Collegiate year, ending July 31st, 1851.

Received for Tuition		$786 45
Deduct expenses for fuel, &c	$29 19	
" probable loss of bills, 3 per cent	24 56	52 72
Leaving		$733 70

Paid as salary to two Professors, and one female teacher.

Second Collegiate year, ending July 1st, 1852.

Received for Tuition		$901 27
Deduct for contingent expenses	$36 90	
" probable loss on bills, 3 per cent	27 03	63 93
Leaving		$837 34

Paid as salary to two Professors, and one female teacher.

Third Collegiate year, ending July 1st, 1853.

Received for Tuition		$1053 90
" room rents		15 90
Total income		$1069 80
Deduct for contingent expenses	$33 72	
" loss on bills	32 14	65 76
Leaving		$1004 04

Paid as salary to two Professors, and one female teacher.

Fourth Collegiate year, ending July 1st, 1854.

Received for Tuition		$1289 52
" room rents		191 64
Total income		$1481 16
Deduct for contingent expenses	$123 00	
" loss on bills	44 13	167 13
Leaving		$1314 03

Paid as salary, as before.

The income for the fifth Collegiate year we are not able to give, as that year has not yet closed.

According to the Constitution of the College, the income from room rents, the contingent expenses being first deducted therefrom, is divided among the Professors. For the first two, and a portion of the third, Collegiate years, there was no income from this source, the College Building not having been erected, or fit for occupancy.

In the receipts for Tuition, as given above, is included the amount drawn each year from the Endowment Fund. The sum taken from this fund has gradually increased from year to year, as the number of students or scholarships has increased.

The increase is exhibited in the following statement:

1st Collegiate year	$28 06
2d " "	111 27
3d " "	206 70
4th " "	377 06
Total, for four years	$723 09
For the current year, (estimated,)	425 00
Total, for five years	$1148 09

The regular income of the 5th Collegiate year will be increased by a donation of $500, granted by the "Western College Society." $400 of this donation is applied as salary to the third Professor. The

remainder will be expended in the purchase of additional Philosophical Apparatus for the use of the College.

2. *Endowment Fund.*

Amount of Scholarships	$19,680 00
Received by the Treasurer	6,189 23
Paid as salary to General Agent, Rev. H. Shaull	1,661 58
Paid to Professors, for tuition, (about)	1,000 00
Amount invested, (on interest,)	1,125 00
Amount loaned to Building Fund (about)	2,400 00

This loan to the Building Fund is at present unproductive. It is expected, however, that the Endowment Fund will, in the course of time, receive interest for its moneys thus invested.

3. *Building Fund.*

Amount subscribed in money, grounds, lumber, and labor	$13,444 56
Amount received from these sources	9,283 53
Paid as salary to General Agent, Rev. H. Shaull	456 25

Money borrowed by Building Fund.

From Endowment Fund, (about)	$2,400 00
From different persons	2,200 00
Total	$4,400 00

The amount received on subscription, etc., together with the money borrowed, has been expended upon the building.

As the accounts are not yet all settled, we are not able to present an exact statement of the cost of the College Building. If we include the grounds, the expense of fencing, digging well and cistern, the rent paid for recitation rooms before the building was erected and occupied, and other necessary expenditures, the sum will reach from $16,000 00, to $18,000 00. The original estimate of the building alone, was $10,000 00.

Of the amount of subscriptions yet unpaid—about $4000—a considerable portion, it may be one-half, will never be realized.

The College Building is yet unfinished. It is estimated that $1500 will complete it. At least $5000, over and above what can be realized from unpaid subscriptions, will be needed to finish the building and free it from debt.

Suggestions.

1. The necessary steps should immediately be taken to collect the payments now due on the scholarships. We should try to keep the principal of the Endowment untouched. This can be done only by a profitable investment of its funds, so that the interest will meet the claims annually made upon it. The longer this is neglected, the more reason will we have to regret our remissness in time to come.

2. The College Building should be completed as soon as possible. Its unfinished state does us injury in many respects. It affords opportunity for some to mock, and say: "This man began to build, and was

not able to finish." It discourages students from coming to the Institution. It has no good effect upon those who do come. The building itself suffers damage. The interest to be paid for borrowed money amounts to a considerable sum per year. The Endowment needs, for better investments, its funds loaned to the building. The admonition is in place here: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

3. We need a President of the College, and an additional Professor. The present Professors have too much to do. More strength is needed to make the College what it ought to be. We should not rest satisfied until we have established an Institution equal to any in the State.

4. The Corresponding Secretaries of Synod, and of the classes, should be instructed to inform the persons chosen members of the Board of Trustees, and Board of Visitors of College, of their election. Some have not been aware that they were members of these Boards. The names of the persons elected should also be transmitted to the officers of the Boards. Care should be taken to elect such only who take sufficient interest in the Church and Institutions to attend the meetings of the Boards to which they belong, and who are willing and able to take an active part in the work to be done.

The Board of Visitors has its annual meetings at the close of each winter session of the College.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. K. ZIEBER, *Pres't.*

TIFFIN, *May*, 25*th*, 1855.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Domestic Missionary Board.

The following report, from the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the committee on Missions:

Since our last annual report no material changes have occurred in the operations of your Board. About the same number of stations have been under its care. To a statement of these, and an account of their condition, we will first call your attention:

1. *Arnheim, Brown County, Ohio.*—As intimated in the report of last year, and for reasons then stated, the appropriation to the German congregation at this place, supplied by Rev. J. Dahlman, was not renewed. The station has since been taken under the care of the Eastern Board.

2. *Port Jefferson Charge, Ohio*—An appropriation of $50 had been made several years ago to this charge, to assist it in obtaining and supporting a pastor. After securing the services of Rev. A. Stump, the charge released the Board from its obligation. The people there

made a successful effort to raise a support for their pastor from among themselves.

3. *Cincinnati, Ohio.*—The Rev. H. Rust continues to serve this congregation with his usual energy and success. The accession of members, every quarter, is large. Were it not that many of its members annually leave the city, this congregation would soon be the largest within the bounds of our Synod. Three large and flourishing Sabbath schools, located in different quarters of the city, are under the care of its members. At one of these points, brother Rust has started a second interest, which he serves on Sabbath afternoons, in the English and German languages. This is so full of promise as to call for the services of a separate laborer. The question is thus being forced upon us whether it is not our duty to organize another organization in this growing city, to supply it with a suitable pastor, and nourish it until it shall no longer need our aid. Brother Rust pleads earnestly for this. "Could you not," he writes, "delegate a member of the Board to come and spend a Sabbath with me, to see our second interest? You could then judge for yourselves, and inform the church what ought to be done. I feel assured you would be astonished, and urge the matter immediately. It is the best opening that could be desired; much more promising, indeed, than my congregation was when I came to Cincinnati."

It is supposed by some that a second congregation should not be organized until the first becomes self-supporting. If this course be pursued, there is danger that this inviting opening will be lost to us. The present congregation still labors under the burden of a heavy debt, contracted in the erection of its house of worship. To pay the interest of this debt, and to meet other necessary expenses, such as taxes, the introduction of gas into the church, the paving of the street in front of the property, together with the cost incurred in carrying forward their Sabbath schools, bears so heavily upon its members as to prevent them from giving a sufficient support to their pastor. He will need, therefore the assistance of the Missionary Board, for several years to come. Whether, in the mean time, we should commence a second mission, is respectfully submitted to the consideration of Synod.

Our appropriation to brother Rust has been somewhat diminished. He received, during the year, which closes the 1st May, but $80. About one half of this amount was collected by the congregation for domestic missions, and paid into our treasury.

4. *Darke County, Ohio.*—Rev. J. Vogt has entered upon his second year in this field. He received from our Board $50 per year. Brother Vogt has in many respects a difficult field of labor, and is compelled to subject himself to much self-denial. His success is, however, quite encouraging. One house of worship has been erected during the past year. Most of the points he supplies are growing in interest and strength; and he hopes to constitute, ere long, a self sustaining charge.

5. *Toledo, Ohio.*—Rev. H. J. Ruetenick, who organized this congregation, and served it with much success for eighteen months, was compelled to resign, on account of protracted ill-health. He left on the expiration of his commission, in October, 1854. During the winter,

the congregation was left unsupplied. On the 16th of this month, the Rev. H. Eschmeiler, a late graduate of our Seminary, accepted a commission, and is now located at Toledo. This congregation, while served by brother Ruetenick, erected a neat and commodious house of worship, upon which rests a small debt, which it is expected will, before long, be liquidated. As this city has a large and constantly increasing German population, it affords an inviting field for missionary operations, and, as we already have a good footing, we confidently look forward to the not far distant day when we will have a flourishing congregation there. The Western Board not being in a condition to appropriate to this station more than $100, and at least $200 being required for the present year, the Eastern Board, at our solicitation, kindly consented to appropriate what was wanting.

6. *Indianapolis, Indiana.*—This station continues under the ministrations of the Rev. G. Long. He is sustained by both Boards, Eastern and Western, receiving from us $40 for the present year. Brother Long has to contend with the same difficulties which embarrassed brother Rust at Cincinnati, viz: a church debt, which he is not able to liquidate to any amount, owing to the severe monetary pressure everywhere prevailing, and the fluctuating character of his membership. Many of his members remove farther west as soon as they have accumulated sufficient to purchase a small farm. In numerous instances the persons thus removing are lost to us as a denomination, as our resources are too limited to send missionaries along with them. But, though lost to us, we have reason to hope that they do not lose sight of the interests of the cause of Christ. In this direction brother Long is doing a good work among the German population of Indianapolis, and has, therefore claims upon the continued assistance of the missionary Boards. He informs us that during the past year his expenses exceeded somewhat his income. He is willing, however, to continue his work there, hoping for favorable changes in the future.

7. *Elkhart County, Indiana.*—Rev. A. J. Rutan still occupies this field. He also is under the care of both Boards—receives from us $30 per annum. The reports from this field are encouraging, and would have been more so, but for a severe and protracted affliction which prevented brother Rutan from attending regularly to his appointments. In his late report he informs us that his health is much improved. He has an extensive field surrounding him, to the whole of which he cannot attend. There is room there for several more missionaries.

8. *Wells County, Indiana.*—In the month of September, 1854, the Rev. F. W. Dechant entered his field. It was entirely new, not a single congregation of our church having been organized there. Now we have five congregations, and more might be organized, if brother Dechant could attend them. He is gathering together the scattered flock. Catechetical classes have been organized in most of his congregations. He receives from us $75 per year, which, in connection with what he receives from his people, is not sufficient for his support. He

hopes, however, that this difficulty will soon be removed, as his congregations are increasing in strength and ability.

9. *Millville Charge, Butler County, Ohio.*—A donation of twenty dollars was given to this charge, to assist it in supporting its pastor, Rev. J. Baumunk. He is not a missionary of the Board.

10. *First Church, Columbus, Ohio.*—The sum of $20, collected for the purpose, in Mt. Zion charge, by Rev. D. Winters, was donated to this charge, toward the liquidation of their church debt.

A donation of $10 was granted Rev. A. Schroeder towards paying his traveling expenses in search of a field of labor.

In addition to what is done by our Board, the Eastern Board sustains from twelve to fifteen missionaries within the bounds of our Synod. Their appropriations to Western missions largely exceeds those of our Board. We have found our brethren across the mountains cheerfully willing to assist us. In several instances, where we could not give a favorable reply to applications made to us, we have solicited their aid, which they readily gave. Such assistance, so kindly and promptly given, calls for this public acknowledgment.

For reasons, not necessary here to enumerate, we have not been able to do much, during the past year, in the way of exploring new fields. Last Fall a commission was accepted by Prof. E. V. Gerhart to explore portions of the States of Wisconsin and Iowa, his traveling expenses to be borne by the Board. He was prevented from entering upon the work by prolonged sickness. A similar commission was tendered to Rev. G. Long. The field designated to him embraced several counties in Central Indiana. He has made several short exploring tours, managing each time to collect sufficient money at the places visited to pay his traveling expenses. He reports Jackson county as a promising field. During a late visit to Rockford, in that county, he obtained a donation of a site for a church, consisting of two lots, each 60 feet front and 180 feet deep, in the most convenient and beautiful part of the village, and secured subscriptions for the erection of a church, to the amount of $500. He intended to carry forward this good beginning in subsequent visits.

The Eastern Board of missions overtured us to unite with them in the appointments of a joint agent, or exploring missionary, to labor in the bounds of both Synods. They submitted a detailed plan, designating the time such agent should labor in each Synod, and portioning the expenses to be borne by each Board. Our Executive Committee was unwilling to enter upon the appointment of such an agent. An effort was made to obtain a meeting of the Board, and reconsider the action of the Executive Committee, but no quorum could be brought together. We are not aware that the Eastern Board has taken further steps in the matter. This whole subject is submitted to the attention of the Synod.

A similar overture was made by the Board of Church Extension of this Synod. It shared the same fate.

We purposely refrain from referring Synod to the vast missionary

field open to our church, not because we know of no points of special interest and importance, but because these points are too numerous to be detailed in this report, without extending it to too great a length. To the most important of these points the attention of the Church has, from time to time, been called, in the columns of the Western Missionary. Our resources have not enabled us, thus far, to provide for their wants.

From the Treasurer's report it will be seen that our treasury is in a healthy condition. The receipts have increased somewhat upon those of former years; our obligations have all been met, and a handsome balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer.

To this statement of what we have done, and of what we have not done, we add a few suggestions, to which we respectfully direct the attention of Synod.

1. The system of life memberships is adopted by most associations similar to ours, and is a means by which their annual receipts are increased. We recommend its establishment by Synod.

2. The present Board has been compelled to carry forward its operations during the past year under many disadvantages, because the members constituting it lived so widely apart. It was almost impossible to obtain a meeting at whatsoever place we saw proper to call it. Some were unwilling, others unable to bear the necessary traveling expenses. Even the Executive Committee was compelled to transact its business by correspondence. This state of things seriously interfered with our efficiency, and caused numerous discouragements. We therefore suggest to Synod the propriety of locating the Board at some particular place, and electing a sufficient number of persons residing at that place to constitute at least the Executive Committee. The President, Secretary and Treasurer should have the opportunity of frequent personal intercourse. Otherwise, the operations of the Board will remain contracted, and the labor of its officers unnecessarily burdensome.

Respectfully submitted:

WILLIAM K. ZIEBER, *President.*

TIFFIN, Ohio, May 23, 1855.

Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board.

WM. HOFF, TREASURER,

In account with the Domestic Missionary Board.

1854.		Dr.
May 18.	To balance on hand	$129 63
June 12.	To cash received of Jacob Kuhn, Shelby, Ohio	5 00
June 13.	" " " Rev. P. C. Prugh, collected at meeting of Synod, Greensburgh, Pa., from Rev. N. P. Hacke, $5, Rev. H. E. F. Voigh, $5, Daniel Kiehl, Esq., $5, A. Beam, $5, M. Zimmerman, $5, Mrs. S. H. Giesy, $5, J. Hoyman, $1, J. Fisher, $2, Rev. W. Conrad, $5, Miss M. Coulter, $2, Miss A. M. Kiehl, $3, Lewis Tronger, $1, A. Friend, $5, Rev. J. B. Thompson, $5, J. Barnhart, $3, cash collected, $28 25	85 25

June 13.	To cash received from Rev. F. W. Dechant, collected on missionary tour to Shelby and Wells counties, Indiana	11 95
June 29.	To cash per S. H. Giesy, from Mr. Williams, Greensburg	1 00
June 30.	" received of Rev. J. Buser, collection	2 00
"	" " Mary Ann Marguart	1 00
July 19.	" " W. E. Schmertz, Pittsburg, sub. at Synod.	5 00
Aug. 4.	" " Rev. D. Winters, collected in Mount Zion charge, from Hawker's cong., $50, Mt. Zion, do $30, David's do $21 58, Zion's $42 50	144 08
"	To cash received of Rev. G. W. Williard, part of sub. at Synod	1 50
"	To cash received of A. Wanner and J. Kiehl, Jr., each $5	10 00
Aug. 4.	" " Mrs. P. C. Prugh, sub. at Synod	5 00
Sept. 21.	" " Rev. R. P. Thomas	5 00
"	" " Clayton Sabbath School	1 15
Oct. 19.	" " Rev. J. Dahlman, collection	6 00
"	" " Rev. D. Winters, collected at David's cong. during meeting of Miami classis	14 35
Nov. 11.	" " Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Marion charge	10 00
Nov. 15.	" " Rev. L. Rike, West Alexandria charge	9 00
1855.		
Jan'y. 5.	" " Rev. G. W. Williard, at different times	31 00
Feb'y 5.	" " Rev. E. V. Gerhart, collected in Thompson charge $16 42, Adams, $3 75, McCutchensville, $2 75	22 92
"	To cash received of Rev. M. Stern, collected in Galion $8 50, Jerusalem charge, $3 50	12 00
"	To cash received of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, from Immanuels ch., Wisconsin	8 00
Feb. 26.	To cash received of Rev. G. W. Williard, balance of sub	3 50
"	" " Mary A. Marguart, North Hampton, Ohio	3 00
Mar. 23.	" " Rev. H. Rust, Cincinnati Mission	38 36
Mar. 28.	" " G. Zeigler	3 00
April 5.	" " C. Zimmerman, Rajersville, Miss. Soc	5 00
May 16.	" " Rev. F. W. Dechant, Wells Co. Mission	6 00
May 28.	" " Rev. W. K. Zieber, subscription	5 00
		$572 69

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1854.		
June 18.	By order paid to Rev. F. W. Dechant, (exploration	$20 95
June 22.	" " " Rev. G. Long, to July 1, 1854	10 00
"	" " " " A. J. Rutan, " "	10 00
"	" " " " J. Dahlman, June 1, '54	13 00
June 26.	" " " " H. J. Rutenick, July 1, '54	25 00
"	" " " " J. Vogt, July 1, '54	12 00
Aug. 4.	" " " " G. W. Williard, for Columbus mission	20 00
"	" " " " A. Schroeder, donation	10 00
Sept. 22.	" " " " Geo. Long, to October 1, '55	10 00
Sept. 27.	" " " " H. J. Ruetenick, to October 1, '54	25 00
Oct. 2.	" " " " H. Rust, to August 1, '54	20 00
" 3.	" " " " J. Vogt, to October 1, '54	13 00
" 19.	" " " " J. Dahlman, to Sept. 1, '54	13 00
Nov. 13.	" " " " J. Baumunk, donation	20 00
Dec. 2.	" " " " A. J. Rutan, to November 1, '54	10 00
1855.		
Jan'y 9.	" " " " George Long, to January 1, '55	19 00
"	" " " " J. Vogt, to January 1, '55	12 00
Jan'y 12.	" " " " F. W. Dechant, to January 1, '55	25 00
Feb'y 5.	" " " Toledo mission, donation	33 90
Mar. 12.	" " " " A. J. Rutan, to March 1, '55	12 00
Mar. 23.	" " " " H. Rust, to February 1, '55	40 00
April 10.	" " " " George Long, to April 1, '55	10 00
" 16.	" " " " J. Vogt, to April 1, '55	13 00
May 16.	" " " " T. W. Dechant, to May 1, '55	25 00
"	" " " " H. Rust, to May 1, '55	20 00

By amount paid for stationery and postage, $5 43, and counterfeit note, $1	6 43
	$437 30

RECAPITULATION.

To balance on hand, and cash received	$572 69
By orders paid	437 30
Balance in Treasury	$135 39

Report of the Committee on Missions.

The committee on Missions presented the following report, which was adopted:

From the reports on missions and church extension, placed in our hands, we learn:

1. Ten different churches or stations were aided last year by the Board. One charge became self-supporting during last year, namely: the Port Jefferson Charge, and the appropriations to Cincinnati Church have become less, and could this church be freed from its heavy debt, it would be self-supporting also. The most stations are in a healthy condition.

2. The treasury is in a healthy condition; $572 69 were received, and $437 30 were expended, leaving a balance of $135 39 in the treasury.

3. Considering what the condition of our former missionary operations were, the present state of affairs is encouraging, but when we look to the vast missionary field, the important points not occupied for the want of men and means, the deficiency in our means to procure both, the comparative little interest taken in our missionary operations by the church in general, we have cause for deep humiliation.

4. The report complains that the members of the Board were negligent in attending the meetings; even the Executive Committee had to transact their business principally by correspondence, and therefore the desire is expressed, that a sufficient number of persons residing in one place might be elected to form the Executive Committee.

The system of life-membership, as adopted by similar associations is also recommended in the report. The committee begs leave to recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the attention of the brethren of Synod be referred to the suggestion of the President of the Board, respecting the location of the Board at one point.

2. *Resolved*, That the congregation of our Synod be requested to lift, annually, at least one collection for home missionary purposes, and that each classis be enjoined to see and examine how far this request is carried out by the congregations under their charge.

3. *Resolved*, That any person, or persons, paying the sum of fifteen

dollars in one financial year into the treasury, be considered a life-member, or have the privilege of constituting any other person such.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be instructed to appoint a superintendent of missions, either in connection with the Eastern Board, or in connection with our Board of Church Extension.

The report of the Board of Church Extension informs us:

That the Board was regularly organised on the 26th of October, 1855, in Galion, Crawford county, Ohio. All the members of the Board were present. Rev. H. Williard was chosen President, Rev. Mr. Stern Secretary, and Dr. J. S. Reisinger Treasurer. The Board adopted a constitution and a plan of operation, and overtured the Board of Missions to unite in the appointment of an agent to carry out the object of both associations, since they are intimately connected. The Board of Missions did not move in the matter, and hence the Board of Church Extension did little also.

The report of the Treasurer of the above Board presents an income of $23 35, coming from two charges, viz: the Galion and the second congregation of Tiffin, which is loaned to the Sandusky City Church. The Treasurer holds also, three notes; one against the Church in Louisville, Kentucky; and two against the Trustees of the new Lutheran Church of Mansfield.

The Synod should decide in regard to the continuance of the old Board, or the appointment of a new one.

Respectfully submitted:

M. STERN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the old Board on Church Extension was reëlected.

ARTICLE XV.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics in the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with His body, the Church, now and evermore!

The promise of our Divine Lord, given to his Apostles, stands forever sure; and, in evidence of this, we, as a branch of His holy Zion, are permitted to make this our thankful record of his faithfulness.

It is difficult to estimate aright the value and significance of those unshapen elements which are continually taken up in the present growing life of the Church and formed into the permanent results that fall steadily, year by year, into the broad stream of her living history.

Our annual reports may, therefore, but crudely represent, and sometimes, indeed, may even misrepresent the vague shapes that are now passing before us and taking their true places in the wisely arranged plan of God's providence.

Vital Godliness, in a Christ-like life and spirit, must always be found as a first requisite, more or less perfect in every true branch of the Catholic Church. Impressed with this truth, our pastors and teachers throughout all parts of our Synod, as we learn from the classical reports, insist more and more upon the necessity of this evidence in the general membership. On this point the whole body seems to be actively alive; there never was a period, perhaps, in the history of our denomination in this country, when the slanders of our enemies, charging the contrary upon us, had as little foundation as at the present time. A steady growth in true piety, and progress in sanctification, are generally insisted on, and we are not without reason to hope that this essential requirement is well understood and properly responded to on the part of the people.

Religion is considered to be something, not like dress, that can be put on and laid aside at will, nor may it change its style and cut, as fashions change, either fancy or plain, little or much, stiffly starched or hanging loosely about. True evangelical freedom in Christ, combined with due obedience to the divine law, as taught and practiced by our adorable Saviour and his Apostles, should yet be found in the Church. It is, therefore, one peculiarity of the German Reformed Church to preach and practice this, without falling into either false extremes of those who stand on opposite sides. The free spirit of God's grace is apparently directing our brethren towards a more clear and full apprehension of this heavenly truth.

Inward life and outward form, should always come together at the same point, in order to a living harmony. It is not, however, always so found, or, at least it does not always so appear. But if religion is to have anything more than a fantastic, ghostly character, it must be not only an internal, vague spiritualism, but also the divine power of its spiritual essence must express itself in outward confession; for, with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Just as little, nevertheless, will a mere corpse-like form alone satisfy the religious wants of the soul.

Salvation offered to the sin-cursed world, through the revelation of God, in the Gospel of His Son, comes to us according to his own plan of Grace. The Church, divinely constituted by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, is the bearer of the ordained means of Grace. In the proper use of these ordinary means the Church must rest her guarantee for her steady growth and prosperity. Such seems to be the conscious apprehensions of the distinctive character of our Church, as embodied in our symbols; and both ministers and people value it as a rich heritage dear to their hearts, transmitted to them by our Reformation fathers, and therefore they will not readily barter away this birth-right for a mess of pottage.

Educational and organic Christianity, as we thus understand it, belongs to us as a denomination. It requires family religion, Christian nurture, instructing children in the knowledge of the truths of the Bible, as set forth in the teachings of our excellent Heidelberg Catechism. Taking them from the hallowed circles of the home life, they are to be brought into the Sunday School, the Bible Class, the Catechetical lecture, the service and full communion of the Church on earth, that they may enter the Church triumphant. The different classical reports all refer to this encouraging aspect in the affairs of the Church. The seed thus sown, if it be watered by divine grace, though it fall into the ground and apparently die, will nevertheless not abide alone, but will yet bear a glorious harvest.

As far as we can learn from the reports, we have reason to rejoice in the progress made in the divine life, throughout a large part of our borders. A steady increase of the membership of the Church, by baptism, confirmation and certificate has been reported. Attendance on the public services of the Lord's house has been generally good. More enlarged views have also been entertained in some parts, on the subject of Benevolence, in sustaining the different operations of our Church. Though a beginning has been made in this direction, yet what has been done is only as a drop in the bucket, compared with what should yet be done. The Synod has learned, with heartfelt pleasure and gratitude, the announcement that a handsome legacy of about $850, has been left by the late J. Bear, towards the cause of beneficiary education.

Human imperfection in the Church, still shows it to be in a partially unsanctified state, though it bears in its constitution the possibility and ultimate design of realizing the attributes of holiness and unity. From some parts we have complaints, on account of the want of harmony and brotherly love that should characterize the professors of the religion of Christ. The complaint, however, itself gives evidence that there is a felt want of more unity of spirit in the bonds of peace than was formerly thought necessary, the communion of Saints is sought and realized more and more in accordance with the priestly prayer of our Divine Lord, that his followers may be *one*, as He and the Father are One. The sin of schism, rending the seamless robe of the Reedemer, is, to say the least, as great as practical heresy. The efforts in other branches of the Protestant Church to form unions, we hail, also, as a welcome harbinger of future good.

During the year, we have been called to mourn our loss in the early death of our beloved ministerial brother and fellow laborer in the Lord's vineyard, the lamented Rev. J. Rike, of Lancaster. In the prime of life, and in the midst of great usefulness in the Church militant, he was called home, to receive the reward of his arduous labors and to join the innumerable company of saints and martyrs, and the general assembly and Church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven. Rev. J. Bear has also gone to his eternal rest. He labored long and faithfully in the western frontier of our Church. Altogether

we have reason, as a denomination, to thank God and take courage, in view of what he has done for us during the past year. The boundaries of the Church have been greatly enlarged. New congregations, and new charges have been organized; new houses of worship have been erected; new classes have been formed, and the number of active ministers has been increased by the licensure and ordination to the work of the ministry of the "first fruits" of our western Theological Seminary, for whose continued usefulness and prosperity the Church will still send up her prayers. The increase in the membership, although undoubtedly considerable, yet from the imperfect state of the statistical tables it is not possible to arrive at any thing like accuracy. To this glaring deficiency, the Synod is respectfully requested to direct the attention of the different classes.

Respectfully submitted:

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

Report of the Treasurer of Synod.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod and referred to the committee on Finance:

L. S. WEISZ, *Treasurer.*

In account with SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

		Dr.
1854		
May 30.	To balance in the Treasury	$30 00
"	Received of Rev. L. D. Leberman, C. classis, 1854	7 00
"	Received of A. Warner, Columbiana classis, 1853-54	6 00
Oct. 19.	" D. Winter, Miami classis, for 1855	32 00
Nov. 6.	" Lancaster, classis, for 1855	13 50
Nov. 13.	" Henry Hoffman, Clarion classis, for 1855	12 00
1855.		
May 31.	R. R. Salter, St. Joseph's, for 1855	7 50
Total		$108 41

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1854.		
May 30.	By paper and postage	$ 56
"	Rev. G. W. Williard, for Hassenplugh	25 00
June 14.	" " in part, min. of Synod, 1853	10 00
Oct. 11.	Postage on 8 letters	24
Nov. 6.	Rev. G. W. Williard, in part, min. of 1854	24 80
"	" " in full, "	11 20
1855.		
Jan. 10.	" " per Rev. A. Wanner	3 00
May 31.	" " in full, min. 1853	19 00
"	Rev. L. D. Leberman, on order of Synod	12 25
Balance in Treasury		$106 05

INDEBTEDNESS OF SYNOD.

To Theological Seminary, on account of the transfer of our Institutions to Tiffin, $300, with interest	$372 00
On account of order to J. H. Good, 1848	39 00
To Rev. G. W. Williard	35 00
To Printing Establishment at Chambersburg, Pa	74 14
Total	$520 14

Respectfully submitted: I. S. WEISZ, *Treasurer.*

The committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Finance would submit the following, as claiming attention:

In examining the report of the Treasurer of Synod, the committee learn that the sum of $108 41 was paid into the Treasury during the last year; $106 80 of which, were paid out, leaving the small balance of $2 38 in the Treasury.

The present indebtedness of Synod is $520 14. Some of these bills have been of several years standing, so that the interest accumulating on the same, has greatly increased the debt.

It is a matter very much to be regretted, that some of the classes are still in arrears. To enable the Treasurer to meet all demands of our Synodical operations, funds are necessary, and very much needed at this time. And, as nothing definite can be obtained, as to the indebtedness of the different classes to Synod, on account of having no documents, the committee is unable to make any appointments to meet the desired ends. In lieu of classical appointment, they would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to correspond with those classes knowing themselves to be in arrears, and urge the immediate payment, under the penalty of censure from Synod, in case of non-compliance:

All of which is respectfully submitted:

N. E. GILDS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to apportion the sum of $200 between the different classes, so as to relieve Synod of its indebtedness.

The committee consists of Rev. P. C. Prugh, A. J. Rutan, N. E. Gilds, Elders J. Michael and J. F. Kitson.

The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Miami classis, $32; Lancaster, $25; Westmoreland, $25; Clarion, $25; Tiffin, $25; St. Joseph, Indiana, $5; Sheboygan, $5; Illinois, $5; Sandusky, $20; St. John, 32.

Respectfully submitted:

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to borrow the amount of the indebtedness of Synod to the Board of Theological Seminary, and pay the amount over to the Treasurer of the same, so as to enable him to pay the salary still due the former Professor of Theology.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

The committee on Publication, to which was referred the report of the Board of Publication, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Publication would report that they have examined the report of the Board of Publication, the only document placed in their hands. From this we learn that the Western Missionary has been regularly published during the past year, to the general acceptance, it is believed, of its patrons. Its subscription list has been enlarged to about two thousand. The editor has associated with him an assistant, under which arrangement it is hoped the paper will become what it ought to be, in every respect, as the organ of the Church. In order that this may be the case, your committee would offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod request the ministers in her bounds to contribute more original matter for its columns.

2. *Resolved*, That they also use their utmost endeavors to swell the number of its subscribers:

Respectfully submitted:

A. J. RUTAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to request the editor to make such explanations in the Missionary as may be necessary in regard to its not appearing weekly, according to the idea originally held out.

ARTICLE XVIII.

ELECTIONS.

The committee on Nominations reported. The report was received and adopted, whereupon the following persons were elected:

1—*Delegates to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. S. H. Giesy, *Primarius.* Rev. Wm. K. Zieber, *Secundus.*

2—*Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. I. S. Weisz, H. Leonard,
Rev. G. W. Williard, J. T. Blain,
Rev. H. J. Rutenick, J. Kroh,
Samuel Loucks.

3—*Board of Missions.*

Rev. W. H. Zieber, J. Coblentz,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Dr. J. U. Heckerman.
Rev. J. Steiner,

4—*Board of Education.*

Rev. J. H. Good, Rev. R. Good,
Rev. H. J. Rutenick, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
J. T. Blain.

5—*Board of Publication.*

Rev. I. S. Weisz, Dr. Geo. W. Maris,
Rev. H. Williard, J. T. Blain,
Rev. M. Stern.

5—*Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. J. Richards Rev. G. B. Russell,
Rev. S. B. Leiter, Rev. J. G. Zahner,
J. Kroh, Esq.

7—*Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary.*

Rev. P. C. Prugh, Rev. D. Winters,
Rev. J. Steiner, A. H. Baughman,
J. Michael.

8—*Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

J. Kroh, Wm. Barrich,
T. Swander, L. Baltzell,
Wm. B. Noble.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

1—*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

Rev. E. V. Gerhart,
In account with the Board of Education, Synod of O., Ger. Ref. Church.

1854.		Dr.
May 25.	To balance in hand at settlement	$24 67
May 26.	To cash received from Leonard Hawk, per. Rev. H. Shaull	1 00
"	" " " Pittsburg Mission, col. at 1st commun'n	9 00
"	" " " half of young minister's wedding fee	5 00
"	" " " Rev. H. Hoffman, per Mr. Schell	10 00
"	" " " L. D. Leberman, " "	10 00
"	" " " H. F. Hartman, " "	10 00
"	" " " D. B. Ernst, " "	12 00
May 30.	" " " Mrs. Amelia Schmertz, Pittsburg	5 00

June 12.	To cash received from Rev. N. Gehr, col. at Millheim cong...	2 27
June 14.	To cash collected and contributed by Mrs. Rector Good.....	15 00
June 26.	To cash received from Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw, for Mr. McCaughey	10 00
July 4.	" " " Rev. A. Stump, per C. H. Reiter.....	2 00
July 20.	" " " Miss Marguart, North Hampton, Ohio.	1 00
July 25.	" " " Rev. D. Kemmerer, for a particular student.....	6 30
Aug. 4.	" " " Rev. P. C. Prugh, bal. of col. at Xenia..	3 00
Aug. 8.	" " " S. H. Giesy, col. in Yockey's cong.....	5 00
Sept. 2.	" " " A. Muhlmeir, from Immanuel's ch., Wis.	17 00
Oct. 10.	" " " George Retting, col. for Mr. Bank.....	5 00
Oct. 18.	" " " " " "	5 00
Oct. 28.	" " " Mr. Adam Bear, Bucyrus, Ohio.....	1 00
"	" " " Rev. J. G. Ruhl, col. in charge	5 00
Oct. 29.	" " " Mr. John Bergener, Galion, Ohio.....	2 00
Dec. 2.	" " " Rev. H. Bentz, Fort Wayne, Ind.....	10 00
Dec. 8.	" " " a friend to the cause of Christ, California	5 00
Dec. 7.	" " " Rev. M. Stern, col. in Jerusalem Church.	3 00
Dec. 9.	" " " Ladies' Sewing Society, First Ger. Ref. Church, Tiffin, (clothing).....	11 00
Dec. 26.	" " " Rev. P. J. Spangler, col. in Coventry cong	7 00
1855.		
Jan. 22.	" " " J. Klein, col. in charge	2 00
Jan. 25.	" " " S. B. Leiter, "	6 00
Jan. 27.	" " " G. Long, Indianapolis.....$5 00	
"	" " " " col. in cong..... 9 75	14 75
Feb. 2.	" " " H. Bentz, col. in cong	6 00
Feb. 5.	" " " Miss E. Giesy. col. among ladies, Lancaster, Ohio.....	9 03
Feb. 10.	" " " Leonard Hawk, Bakersville, Ohio	2 00
"	" " " Rev. Dr. Bossard, col. in cong.....	2 00
"	" " " Rev. H. Rust, female Benev. Soc. Cin..	3 00
Feb. 14.	" " " Rev. H. Williard, from J. Kuhn, Shelby, O.	5 00
Feb. 20.	" " " Rev. I. H. Reiter, part of sub. at Farmersville, Ohio	18 00
Feb. 21.	" " " Rev. D. Kammerer, col. in charge.....	3 00
Feb. 24.	" " " J. G. Ruhl, col. in charge.....	5 00
Feb. 27.	" " " I. H. Reiter, col. in St. Johns' cong....	11 00
"	" " " D. Kammerer, col. in cong.....	3 00
Mar. 2.	" " " J. G. Ruhl " "	3 00
Mar. 6.	" " " D. Kammerer, " "	8 00
"	" " " P. D. Schory, " "	4 00
Mar. 12.	" " " Rev. G B. Russell, Pittsburg, Pa., from W. E. Schmertz, $5; G. B. G., $5; and B. W. $1.....	11 00
Mar. 13.	To cash received from Rev. H. Hoffman, for Mr. King.....	10 00
Mar. 16.	" " " Rev. M. Stern, col. at Bucyrus, O.....	10 00
Mar. 28.	" " " Rev. I. H. Reiter, from Farmersville, O.	5 55
"	" " " " " from Miamisburg cong	4 45
Apr. 3.	" " " Christian Zimmerman, Rogersville Mis. Society.....	5 00
Apr. 7.	" " " Rev. J. Bossard, Immanuel's cong., Wis.	20 00
Apr. 11.	" " " J. J. Buehl, Wyandot Mission, O	1 00
Apr. 13.	" " " G. Long, from H. Neracher, Ind.....	1 00
Apr. 15.	" " " D. Kammerer, Wooster, Ohio.....	9 00
May 11.	" " " C. H. Reiter, Carrolton charge.....	13 00
Total		$399 02

1854.		Cr.
June 1.	By cash paid Mr. C. Sheel.....	$42 00
June 2.	By cash paid for freight on box of provisions	87
June 21.	By cash paid Mr. F. C. Bauman	15 00
"	By cash paid C. H. Reiter	5 00
June 23.	By cash paid Mr. Spies.....	5 00

June 24.	By cash paid C. H. Reiter	5 95
June 30.	By cash paid Wm. Spies	3 00
July 1.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	10 00
July 19.	By cash paid C. H. Reiter	2 00
July 25.	" " "	5 30
Sept. 21.	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	10 00
Oct. 11.	" " "	12 00
"	By cash paid Mr. Bank	5 00
Oct. 16.	By cash paid Dr. Jaeck, bal. due for Schroeder's boarding	5 78
Oct. 20.	By cash paid Mr. Bank	5 09
Oct. 30.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	3 00
Oct. 31.	By cash paid J. Knie	7 60
Nov. 14.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	6 00
Dec. 4.	By cash paid J. Knie	5 00
"	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	5 00
"	By cash paid Mr. Bank	75
Dec. 11.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	23 00
1855.		
Jad. 4.	" " "	7 00
"	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	10 00
Jan. 26.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	5 00
Jan. 26.	By cash paid J. Knie	14 75
Jan. 29.	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	12 25
"	By cash paid J. Knie	6 75
"	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	9 25
Feb'y 8.	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	17 03
Feb. 28.	By caeh paid J. Knie	5 00
Mar. 10.	By cash paid S. King	8 00
Mar. 15.	By cash paid J. J. Escher	5 00
"	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	20 75
"	By cash paid S. King	10 00
Mar. 28.	By cash paid for postage	2 49
"	By cash paid to Library Fund, a loan	5 79
"	By cash paid for stationery and postage on documents sent to Basil, Switzerland, being an application for support of Beneficiary Education	1 82
Apr. 3.	By cash paid H. Eschmeier	15 00
Apr. 7.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	10 00
Apr. 12.	By cash paid J. J. Esher	5 00
"	By cash paid S. King	10 00
Apr. 13.	By cash paid J. Knie	15 00
Apr. 23.	By cash paid Wm. McCaughey	5 00
May 12.	By cash paid S. King	5 00
"	By cash paid J. J. Esher	5 00
"	By cash paid Wm. McCaughy	5 00
May 28.	By cash paid for postage and stationery	50
"	By balance on hand	6 59
Total		$399 02

Respectfully submitted:

E. V. GERHART.

The committee to which was referred the documents relating to this subject, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Beneficiary Education take pleasure in stating that they have carefully examined the report of the acting Treasurer for the past Synodical year, and find the accounts to be strictly correct. It is moreover a source of sincere gratification to observe that the receipts of the past Synodical year have far exceeded those of any previous year; but still they have failed to meet the actual wants. The students have necessarily been embarrassed in their course of studies, on account of

their limited appropriations; and some worthy young men compelled, for want of means, to leave the Institutions. These are humiliating facts, and cannot but be detrimental to the growth and prosperity of our beloved Zion.

It is clearly evident that our main dependence to supply the destitute portions of our Church with the preached word must be through the agency of the Seminary, and that comparatively few who have a sufficient amount of means at command are willing to devote themselves to the self-denying duties and labors of the ministry. Hence we are compelled, in order to meet our wants, and fill up the measure of duty assigned us as a Church, to furnish the necessary means to those who are not in possession of them, but are yet willing and anxious to make an entire consecration of their time and talents to the Church in the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, in view of the great want of laborers, and the bright and extended fields continually opening up before us, inviting us to occupy and cultivate them, promising a rich harvest of reward, together with the fact that our ministers now in actual service are rapidly wearing out, under the weight and pressure of their arduous labors, we are most solemnly and imperatively required to continue our beneficiary operations with increased devotion and zeal.

Your committee, therefore, in conclusion, recommend the Synod to direct the attention of the several classes and ministers to the importance of the subject, and earnestly request them to put forth a general and vigorous effort during the coming year, and forward their several contributions as early as possible to the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Organization of Sheboygan Classis.

WHEREAS, Synod has learned, by the published proceedings of Sheboygan classis, and from a copy of the proceedings of said classis, at a special meeting, now before this body, that a classis of our Church was regularly organized during the last year, composed originally of three ministers, all regularly dismissed from Tiffin classis, for this purpose, therefore,

1. *Resolved,* That this classis be acknowledged as a regularly constituted classis.

2. *Resolved,* That their delegate, Rev. Dr. J. Bossard, be admitted as a regular member of Synod.

Church Property in Pittsburg.

Statements having been made to Synod respecting certain church property in Pittsburg, which it is believed ought, according to the letter and intention of the deed, to be in possession of our Church, a committee, consisting of Rev. J. Steiner, N. P. Hacke, G. B. Russell, W. Whitmore and G. F. Rahauser was appointed to investigate the matter, and report to Synod at its next annual session.

Change of the Standing Rules.

On motion, the fourth Standing Rule of Synod was so amended as to admit of the election of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary on the first day of the sessions of Synod in accordance with the requirements of the charter. The election of said Board was, therefore held on the first day of the session of Synod.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to publish the minutes of Synod in their usual pamphlet form.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the German Reformed congregation and citizens of Xenia, for the kindnees and hospitality which they have extended to us during our stay in their midst, and that the pastor be requested to read this resolution to his people.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That Synod adjourn to meet in Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, on the Wednesday before the full of the moon, May, 1856, in the evening, at 8 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk draw an order of $5 on the Treasurer of Synod, in favor of the Sexton, for services rendered during the session of Synod.

The minutes were read and approved by Synod. All the members were present, except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

WM. K. ZIEBER, *President.*

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Dismissed.	Reinstated.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Rec. on certificate.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributions to Benevolent objects	Post Office Address.
David Winters	4	Mount Zion, Hawkers	375	350	14	6	13	5	....	....	3	....	3	$174 50	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters	1	Highland	104	100	8	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	32 00	Xenia, Ohio.
T. H. Winters	1	Cæsar's Creek Charge	75	75	2	2	3	12	....	....	....	....	1	31 00	
J. Steiner	6	Union Charge	346	330	18	4	38	....	....	1	2	2	4	133 00	Springfield, Ohio.
P. C. Prugh	2	Xenia, Beaver	154	150	3	....	6	2	2	....	2	1	2	33 00	Xenia, Ohio.
J. Vogt	1	Dark County Mission	17	17	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	1	.....	
H. K. Barnes	4	Fairfield charge	240	240	8	....	13	....	....	....	4	....	2	15 48	Fairfield, Ohio.
H. Rust	1	Cincinnati	206	155	45	....	9	16	19	3	19	33	2	63 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. Kercher	4	Germantown charge	213	185	31	2	10	....	....	....	12	2	2	10 00	Miamisburg, Ohio.
R. P. Thomas	1	Springfield	19	19	1	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	.....	Springfield, Ohio.
L. Rike	4	West Alexandria	200	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	1	.....	West Alexandria, Ohio.
A. Stump	4	Port Jefferson	....	140	11	....	20	....	....	....	....	4	3	50 00	Port Jefferson, Ohio.
J. Baumunk	2	Millville	65	60	22	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	1	.....	Millville, Ohio.
J. Dahlman	1	Brown county	48	60	7	....	1	....	1	....	....	....	1	6 00	
C. Becker	1	Second Church, Dayton	115	120	5	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Dayton, Ohio.
J. D. Colliflower	6	Darke county charge	100	90	27	....	....	8	....	....	5	....	....	.....	
Vacant	..	First Ger. Ref. Ch., Dayton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
"	..	Mount Carmel	19	19	....	1	2	....	....	....	2	....	1	5 52	Dayton, Ohio.
D. P. Scharg	..	Seven mile	no	rep't	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Seven Mile.
J Stoneberger	3	Missionary in Missouri	75	75	11	....	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Patton, Collinger co., Mo.
P. H. Kroh	..	Jonesborough charge	no	rep't	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
I. H. Reiter	4	Miamisburg	232	232	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	.....	Miamisburg.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptis'd Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Certif.	Baptisms.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Sabbath Schools.	Deaths.	Contributions to Benev. objects.*	Post Office Address.
G. Weisz	2	St. Michael's, Jacob's	90	85	90	26	....	22	....	....	....	8	.....	Lancaster, Ohio.
G. W. Williard	4	Columbus, Union, &c	85	80	75	7	15	6	....	2	4	....	.....	Columbus, Ohio.
I. S. Weisz	4	Job's, Salem's, David's, &c.	295	263	260	31	17	61	....	13	2	22	.....	Lithopolis, Ohio.
John Pence	2	Trinity, Hopewell	120	.....	90	4	....	10	....	....	1	....	.....	Tremont, Clark co., Ohio.
J. Weaver	2	Jerusalem, Mt. Zwingle	60	.....	50	1	....	7	....	4	3	1	.....	Bremen, Ohio
J. C. Henneman	4	Columbus, (Ger.) Rome, &c.	170	.....	108	6	....	26	3	2	....	12	.....	Columbus, Ohio.
J. B. Thompson	4	Tarlton, Jerusalem, &c	175	.....	155	29	10	26	....	....	1	15	.....	Tarlton, Ohio.
J. H. Buser	4	Kinnickkinnick, &c	120	.....	100	16	8	8	....	....	1	2	.....	Chillicothe, Ohio.
H. King	4	St. Paul's, Reading, &c	194	.....	167	20	....	10	....	....	2	6	.....	Somerset, Ohio.
H. Williard	4	Lancaster, Mt. Carmel, &c.	100	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Shelby, Richland co. Ohio.
P. Johnson	..	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Columbus, Ohio.
M. G. I. Stern	2	Delaware, Middletown	140	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Delaware, Ohio.
J. W. A. Shaffer	..	Licentiate	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Burkettsville, Md.
S. Mease	..	"	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Columbus, Ohio.

*Total amount $400.

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bap. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Communic'ts.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Minutes of Synod English.	Minutes of Synod German.	Collected for Benev. pur.	Post Office Address.
H. E. T. Voigt	9	Mt. Pleasant charge	400	.....	49	....	319	10	5	12	12	$20 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.
N. P. Hacke	5	Greensburg, (German)	800	.....	130	80	675	35	3	25	25	140 00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
William Conrad	3	Berlin charge	230	.....	26	14	200	3	3	6	6	38 00	Berlin, Somerset county, Penn.
Benjamin Knepper	8	Wellersburg charge	261	.....	15	16	261	5	4	8	8	10 00	Wellsburg, Pennsylvania.
S. H. Giesy	4	Greensburg, (English)	220	.....	25	20	200	8	4	25	3	45 00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
C. F. Hoffmier	5	Somerset charge	300	.....	31	15	300	....	3	20	10	26 80	Somerset, Pennsylvania.
J. Hoyman	5	Shade charge	200	.....	32	16	200	4	1	8	6	23 00	Stoystown, Pennsylvania.
George B. Russell	1	Pittsburg Mission	31	45	5	6	23	1	1	10	2	35 00	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
J. McConnell	4	(Supply) Grantsville charge.	101	.....	5	7	101	3	3	4	4	.....	Grantsville, Maryland.
H. Knepper	..	Without charge	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Grantsville, Maryland.
W. Weinel	..	Superannuated	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptised.	Communic'ts.	Confirmations	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Address.
J. Bossard	Immanuel's charge	30	13	....	3	....	1	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
John T. Kluge	Ebenezar charge	140	13	68	....	....	....	Newtonsburg, Maniton co., Wis.
H. A. Muhlmeier	Zion charge	103	30	30	1	5	....	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
.....	1st German Reformed church	138	7	20	....	....	....	Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
H. A. Winter	Missionfield, etc.	40	.....	100	....	....	....	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Received by Letter.	Baptisms.	Dismiss. by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Sabbath Schools.	Deaths.	Contributions for Benev. objects.	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter	4	Tuscarawas charge	131	131	16	...	8	2	....	3	....	$37 61	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Jesse Hines	4	Reedsburg charge	150	150	38	....	22	....	....	....	4	30 00	Mohickanville, Ashland county, O.
Jesse Richards	4	Navarre charge	150	150	13	1	16	1	1	4	4	83 87	Moore, Stark county, Ohio.
H. Shaull	1	Massillon Mission	22	20	2	7	6	....	1	1	5	123 00	Massillon, Stark county, Ohio.
D. G. Phillips	5	Savannah charge	96	70	10	2	14	....	....	4	3	24 75	Ashland, Ashland county, Ohio.
P. J. Spangler	5	Fulton charge	203	203	....	9	46	10	....	2	1	.....	Nimisilla, Summit county, O.
J. C. Klar	..	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Republic, Seneca county, Ohio.
Charles Zwisler	..	No report	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Congress, Wayne county, O.
E. F. Loeders	..	No report	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
J. J. Excell	..	Licentiate	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Reedsburg, Wayne county, O.
Cyrus H. Reiter	3	Carrolton charge	70	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Carrolton, Carroll county, O.
H. Williard	2	Shelby charge	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Shelby, Richland county, Ohio.
Do	4	Rome charge	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Rives, Richland county, O.
Do	4	Lucas charge	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Lucas, Richland county, O.
H. Druckenmiller	..	Licentiate	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	
L. Follett	..	Licentiate	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
F. Rahauser	..	Superanuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
J. H. Good	2	Professor, etc.	40	40	....	12	....	....	12	2	Tiffin, Ohio.
R. Good	1	" Zion's	40	40	....	8	....	....	4	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
E. V. Gerhart	2	" 2d cong	110	110	25	25	....	....	15	....	Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
S. S. Rickley	..		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Columbus, Ohio.
M. Stern	4	Gallion	310	284	37	28	27	10	12	3	Gallion, Ohio.
H. J. Rutenick	1	Toledo Mission	31	31	....	13	10	2	10	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Klinger	6	Harrison	169	169	13	19	....	....	....	....	Hog Creek, Allen county, Ohio.
J. J. Brecht	3	Wyandot Mission	50	42	....	13	....	....	5	....	Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
J. H. Klein	5	Fremont	200	125	30	25	....	....	5	1	Fremont, Ohio.
C. F. Schwartz	3	Vermillion	175	....	....	18	....	....	4	....	Vermillion, Erie county, Ohio.
Wm. K. Zieber	1	1st Ref. cong., Tiffin	200	200	....	5	13	....	....	1	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. C. Klar	3	Thompson	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
H. Bentz	2	Fort Wayne	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
C. Kuss	1	Sandusky Mission	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Vacant	2	McCutcheonsville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Vacant	2	Berwick Seneca	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Received by Letter	Baptisms.	Dismissions.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Cong. Schools.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
G. Long	1	Indianapolis, Ind	75	75	....	26	19	17	3	2	....	1	Indianapolis, Indiana.
G. H. Zumpe	2	Poland, Clay county, Ind.	100	146	12	....	26	....	....	3	....	1	Poland, Clay county, Indiana.
C. Pleuss	1	Lawrenceburgh Indiana	70	70	8	27	23	1	1	5	1	1	Lawrenceburgh, Indiana.
J. Blaetgen	1	Linton, Green county, Ind.	35	35	....	....	6	....	....	1	....	1	Linton, Green county, Indiana.
C. E. Kuesster	1	Louisville, Ky.	74	74	....	14	9	....	....	....	....	....	Louisville, Kentucky.
A. Carroll	6	Bloomfield, Ind., (no report.)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bloomfield, Indiana.

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communi'cts.	Rec. by Letter.	Confirmations	Baptisms.	Deaths.	Sabbath Sch'ls	Post Office Address.
A. J. Rutan	3	Liberty, etc	110	110	17	5	....	....	2	Syracuse, Elkhart county, Indiana.
Elias Spangler	3	Lafayette, etc	78	70	3	28	12	2	1	Panama, Defiance county, Ohio.
Wm. M. Reed	1	Colon	40	10	....	2	....	....	2	Colon, Michigan.
R. R. Salter	1	Neriah	64	64	....	6	13	....	1	Laselle, Michigan.
W. Washnich	4	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Pulaski, Ohio.
ohn Ruhl	..	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Evansport, Defiance co., Ohio.
T. Winters	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	West Alexandria, Ohio.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptised.	Rec. by Letter.	Confirmations	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Contributions.	Post Office Address.
Daniel Kroh	3	Cedarville, Rockgrove, Silver Spring	91	12	26	5	2	3	$10 00	Cedarville, Illinois.
J. P. Decker	2	Lashall, Bobbs	26	6	....	....	1	2	3 66	Freeport, Illinois.
F. C. Bauman	3	Harmony, Hutes, Emeline	50	5	....	4	....	1	.....	Buncombe, Dubuque county, Iowa.
Geo. Weber	3	Orangville, Shuyes, Plumes	35	15	....	10	4	3	.....	Orangville, Illinois.
J. U. Zurcher	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Lorain, Stephenson county, Illinois.
Jacob Bear	..	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	West Point, Lee county, Iowa.

CLARION CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic'ts.	Confirmations	Rec. by Letter.	Baptised.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Eng. Minutes.	Ger. Minutes.	Post Office Address.
D. B. Ernst	4	Seagert charge	283	262	29	....	25	....	....	25	15	Sægerstown, Crawford co., Ohio.
L. D. Leberman	7	Redbank charge	540	420	70	7	163	27	5	20	20	New Bethlehem, Penn.
H. F. Hartman	4	Butler county charge	400	360	105	10	51	14	3	20	20	Baldwin, Butler county, Pa.
F. Wise	5	Kittanning charge	300	275	38	2	58	5	4	35	10	South Bend, Armstrong, co., Pa.
N. E. Gilds	5	Rimersburg charge	297	211	12	....	53	4	3	30	15	Curlsville, Clarion county, Penn.
F. Wahl	4	Mercer county charge	.....	234	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	West Grenville, Mercer county, Pa.
B. Boyer	..	Without charge	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Vacant	3	Petersburg charge	360	230	15	....	44	9	2	15	20	Pastor removed.
Vacant	..	Tylersburg Charge	166	147	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
C. A. Limberg	4	Luthersburg charge	200	150	....	....	....	4	2	10	30	Lutherburg, Jefferson county, Pa.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Communic'ts.	Confirmations	Baptisms.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Address.
J. P. Mahnenschmidt	4	Berlin, etc	130	.....	.....	....	....	Frederick, Mahoning county, Ohio.
J. W. Hamm	8	Manchester charge	364	57	51	19	2	Nimisilla, Summit county, Ohio.
D. Kæmmerer	6	Wooster charge	390	42	80	....	3	Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.
P. Herbrook	6	Canton charge	605	65	102	46	....	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.
A. Wanner	5	Washingtonville, etc	260	.....	.....	....	....	Washingtonville, Ohio.
J. G. Zahner	5	Shanesville charge	380	29	41	29	2	Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, O.
G. Ziegler	8	St. Peters, etc	450	49	60	27	1	New Georgetown, Columbiana co., O.
G. Rettig	4	Akron charge	255	21	51	....	....	Buena Vista, Ohio.
G. Weber	5	St. Paul's	141	.....	27	17	1	Hartville, Stark county, Ohio.
C. Weller	5	Zion's, etc	421	25	31	10	2	Galion, Crawford county, Ohio.
E. H. Th. Wohler	6	Homer, Jackson, etc	130	.....	17	....	....	Albion, Ashland county, Ohio.
J. G. Ruhl	5	No report	180	.....	.....	....	....	Marion, Ohio.
J. B. Ruhl	5	Jackson, etc	155	.....	10	7	....	Eden, Trumbull county, Ohio.
R. Kohler	2	Mt. Eaton, French charge	230	.....	.....	....	....	Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio.
J. Ackeret	4	Mt. Eaton, German charge	185	10	37	9	....	Mt. Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio.
J. F. Englebach	5	Paradise, etc	146	18	16	6	2	Lima, Mahoning county, Ohio.
D. Gackenheimer	4	St. Paul's, etc	165	5	17	7	....	Willshire, Van Wert county, Ohio.
S. K. Denius	4	Evenscreek charge	65	14	6	....	....	Germantown, Ohio.
Ph. Becker	6	St. Peter's, etc	125	25	20	6	13	Columbiana, Withly county, Ia.
C. Lienkamper	..	Calcutta charge, no report	.....	.....	.....	....	....	
C. Bank	..	Licentiate	.....	.....	.....	....	....	

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave respectfully to report, that from a careful examination of the usual documents placed in their hands, it clearly appears that the bessing of the Great Head of the Church was signally vouchsafed to us, as a denomination.

God has graciously spared the lives of our ministers. Not one of Zion's watchmen has fallen during the past Synodical year, tidings which it is seldom our privilege to bear to our annual assemblies. Some of our fellow-laborers have indeed been required to relinquish the active and regular duties of the Pastoral work, on account of failing health, but who for the most part are serving the interests of the Church in such departments of Christian activity as their circumstances will best admit.

There is manifestly a spirit of increasing activity abroad in the Church, evinced by the general growth of our congregations in numbers, piety and efficiency.

We observe with pleasure the fact, and one that calls for devout gratitude to God that the differences that have for several years past agitated some of our Classical and Synodical assemblies, have well nigh disappeared. The reports placed in our hands bear the clearest testimony of that spirit of mutual forbearance and Christian charity inculcated by the meek and compassionate Redeemer. The ardent and uniform zeal and devotion of our ministers and people to the doctrines and customs of our Church and to our Protestant Christianity, are well calculated to dispel the fears which may have been entertained for our future peace and prosperity. Our course is not backward to the flesh pots of Egypt, but forward towards the Heavenly Jerusalem. No one can fail to be impressed with the spirit of brotherly love and unity of sentiment and purpose, that characterizes our present assembly, and we are assured on every hand, that a like spirit prevails throughout the length and breadth of our beloved Zion. Your Committee have observed with pleasure from the reports placed in their hands, the special attention that is given to the moral and religious training of the young. Sabbath schools have greatly multiplied during the past year. In some communities almost every school

house, as well as the sanctuary, is used for the purposes of thi form of religious instruction. Much time and means have bee expended in seeking out children, and in the procuring of a sui able literature, for the better success of this great and good wor Pastoral charge report as many as nine and ten Sabbath-school These, with faithful parental instruction and co-operation are de tined to exert a vast influence for the weal of the rising generatio To these nurseries of youthful religious culture, our pastors ma look with cheering hopes for the replenishing of their Catechume classes, in which our youth are instructed in the higher forms Christian doctrine and experience, and qualified for a right part cipation in the sealing ordinances of God's holy covenant an Church. This form of sound doctrine is receiving an ever increa ing attention from our pastors and people, and greatly to the e largement and spiritual prosperity of our Church.

Another indication of a growing prosperity is found in the u usually large number of new churches erected and old ones repaire during the past year. It appears also from the Classical report that many of our large pastoral charges are urging a division their bounds, that they may enjoy the services of the sanctua more frequently, and a readiness is expressed in many parts of t Church to sustain two ministers in charges that have hitherto bee served by but one.

But to meet this want a very considerable increase in the nu ber of our ministry is demanded. This subject claims the serio and earnest attention of our whole Church. Vigorous efforts a loudly called for to multiply the number of suitable candidates f the ministerial office. Our field of labor is extensive and invitin It promises an abundant harvest, but the laborers are few. T meet this great and growing demand we may refer to several e couraging features, as found in the present state of the Churc Our College and Theological Seminary indicate in some respect at least, an unusual prosperity. The financial interests of the institutions are highly encouraging. The College building of t former is rapidly approximating a state of completion. The latt has received during the past year, in the form of legacies and d nations $16.000, together with a considerable amount obtained i the way of ordinary collections. It appears also from the repor placed in our hands and from a number of statements of priva individuals, that the prospect of a greatly increased number of ca didates for the gospel ministry is very encouraging.

We advert with special pleasure to the unprecedented prosperi of our Domestic Missionary operations. Our collections for th object last year were more than double the amount of the previo year. Success has attended the labors of our Missionaries, thus affor

ing new encouragement for more vigorous efforts in this direction.

Our Foreign Missionary station is in a most promising condition and calls loudly for our prayers and liberal contributions.—But with all the encouraging indications and evidences of the divine blessing and favor which it is our privilege to record, we find likewise much that calls for deep humiliation before God Our efforts as a Church for the advancement of our common Christianity are not commensurate with the great work that God in his providence has committed to our hands. There is still found a great want of that spiritual and entire consecration to God, which the Christian profession contemplates. We close our report with the united and fervent prayer, that the Great Head of the Church would multiply unto us his grace, and abundantly bless the labor of our hands.

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	No. Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Commun.	Confirm.	Certificates.	Baptized.	Dismiss'd	Excomm.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Theo. L. Hoffeditz, D. D.	4	Folks, Hamilton, &c.,	456		31		58			22	6	Nazareth, Northampton co., Pa.
J'b. C. Becker, D. D.,	5	Howertown charge,										Bethlehem, do. county, "
Charles G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.,		*850								Maxatany, Berks county, "
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, &.,		1493	88		251			101	3	North White Hall, Lehigh co., "
John P. Decker,	6	Chesnut Hill, &c.,		*522								Shafers, Monroe county, "
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.	1	Easton,			34		51			25	1	Easton, Northampton county, "
Peter D. Schory,												
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,		1141	78		280			75	7	Kutztown, Berks county, "
William A. Helfrich,	5	Ziegel, &c.,		1454	172		158			60	6	Fogelsville, Lehigh county, "
Theo. C. W. Hoffeditz,		Without charge,										Mercersburg, Franklin county, "
John W. Lescher,	4	Wilksbarre,		*140								Wilksbarre, Luzerne county, "
Charles Becker,	2	Moretown, &c.,										Kreidersville, Northampton co., "
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c.,	400	*300	60		100			43	4	Weisport, Carbon county, "
Erasmus H. Helfrich,	5	Plainfield, &c.,	1465	1182	81		152			78	7	Bath, Northampton county, "
Cyrus Becker,	2	Moretown, &c.,										Kreidersville, Northampton co., "
Alfred J. G. Dubs,	4	Friedens church, &c.,		355	57		63			18		Laubachs, Northampton co., "
John A. Reubelt,				75								Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co., "
Alfred Herman,		Assistant to his Father,		40								Maxatany, Berks county, "
D. F. Brendel,	3	Farmersville, &c.,	450									Bethlehem, Northampton, co., "
I. K. Loose,	2	Mount Bethel, &c.,		*349								Stone church, Northampton co., "

* Report of previous year.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Mem.	Baptiz.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom.	Death.	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Moyer,	3	Zion's, &.,			68	97		413			23		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
Isaac Miese,	5	Bern charge,	1000		80	21		895			54	6	Lower Bern, Berks county, "
John Gring,	5	Stumpstown charge,			50	8		214			16	4	Fredericksburg, Lebanon co,, "
Thomas H. Leinbach,	6	Tulpenhocken charge,			128	55		733			49	5	Meyerstown, Lebanon co., "
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon charge,	738	658	80	44	4	400	10		34	2	Lebanon, "
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg charge,			203	124		980			38	10	Reading, "
Aaron S. Leinbach,	1	1st church, Reading,	650		102	51		550			42	1	do. "
Moses Kieffer,	1	2nd " "	125		15	9		110	3		8	1	do. "
John W. Hoffmeier,	4	Orwigsburg charge,			47	38	7	250			12	4	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co., "
Isaac E. Graeff,	2	Tremont charge,	65	75	27	4	4	55			6	2	Tremont, " "
Jacob D. Zehring,	4	Host charge,	730		107	24		532			39	9	Bernville, Berks co., "
Jonathan E. Heister,	5	Palmyra charge,	330	200	49	41		211			24	4	Annville, Lebanon co., "
Abraham Romich,	4	Jonestown charge,			46	44		228			16	4	Johnstown, " "
John Gantenbein,	5	Pottsville charge,	365		63	4		365			20	2	Pottsville, Schuylkill co., "
Jacob Kline,	4	Minersville charge,			66	30		239			18	3	Schuylkill Haven, "
William A. Good,	2	Bernville charge,	250		30						5	1	Reading, "
Charles W. Schultz,		Without charge,											do. "
Isaac K. Loose,		Licentiate,											Meyerstown, Lebanon co., "

CLASSIS OF SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Cong.	Charges or Congregations.	Mem.	B. M.	Bapt.	Confi.	Com.	Death	S. S.	Post Office Addresses.
Dietrich Willers,	3	Christ's, Jerusalem, &c.,	160		43		150	10	2	Fayette, Seneca county, New York.
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Boalsburg charge,	335		45		310	15	7	Boalsburg, Centre county, Pa.
Richard A. Fisher,	6	Sunbury,	610		82	49	550	37	5	Sunbury, "
Isaac Shellhammer,	8	Conyngham charge,			12	32	263	48	5	Conyngham, Luzerne county, "
George Wolff,	4	Paradise charge,	540		53	70	460	10	4	Milton,
Rudolph Dünger,	4	Mahony charge,	400		48	13	327	18	3	Lower Mahony, Schuylkill co., "
Ephraim Kieffer,	5	Mifflinburg charge,	525	600	50	64	525	20	8	Mifflinburg, Union county, "
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg charge,					*121			Rebersburg, Centre county, "
Adolph B. Caspar,	5	New Berlin,	360		36	8	300	32	4	New Berlin, Union county, "
Henry Wiegandt,	4	Nippanose charge,					*325			Uniontown Lycoming county, "
Daniel Lantz,	2	Dansville charge,								Dansville, New York, "
John A Leis,	8	Lykens Valley charge,					*382			Millersburg, Dauphin county, "
William R. Yearick,	3	Nittaney charge,	218		55	12	210	8	6	Hublersburg, Centre county, "
Henry Funk,		Without charge,								
William G. Hackman,	8	Beaver charge,	400		77	37	290	27	6	Adamsburg, Union county, "
Nathan E. Bressler,	4	Armstrong Valley charge,	204		54	16	180	10	4	Fishersville, Dauphin county, "
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg charge,	280		20	6	280	12	5	Berrysburg, Dauphin county, "
Edwin M. Long,		Without charge,								
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	160		12	16	160	16	3	Milton,
Jared Fritzinger,	4	Blockhouse charge,	250		37	7	200	16	3	Liberty, Tioga county, "
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Lewisburg charge,	172		12	14	161	3	1	Lewisburg, Union county,
Martin A. Smith,	4	Aaronsburg charge,	315		35	20	225	15	10	Aaronsburg, Centre county, "
Jonathan Zellers,		Without charge,								Milton,
C. Z. Weiser,		Selinsgrove charge,								Selinsgrove, Union county, "
Franklin J. Moore,	4	Lock Haven charge,								Lockhaven, Clinton county, "
Samuel Gutelius,		Without charge,								Mifflinburg, "

CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers.*	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Memb.	Communic.	Confirmat's.	Certificate.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Ziegler,	6	Creutz creek charge,	585		549	48		106	2	32	2	York,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	3	Hanover charge,	800	1000	675	48		74				Hanover,	"
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Gettysburg charge,	740		665	50	1	65	9	15	3	Gettysburg,	"
Henry Aurand,	5	Bender's charge,	370		*360						5	York Springs, Adams county,	"
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,			325	20		38		19		Dillsburg, York county,	"
John Reinecke,		Without charge,										Shrewsbury, do.	"
John Albert,		do. do.										York Springs, Adams co.	"
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	4	Windsor charge,			*205							York,	"
Charles H. Leinbach,	6	Landisburg charge,	640	680	550	60	64	57	12	10	6	Landisburg, Perry county	"
Amos H. Kremer,	3	Carlisle charge,	340	400	312	15	2	24	7	10	4	Carlisle,	"
George Leidy,		Without charge,										do.	"
William C. Bennett,		do. do.										Boiling Springs, Cumber'd co.	"
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	244	345	215	25	8	34		4	6	Bloomfield, Perry co.,	"
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,										Mechanicsburg, Cumber'd co.	"
David Bossler,	5	York charge, (German)	226		*191	8		31		21	4	York,	"
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York charge, (English)										do.	"
John C. Bucher,		Without charge,										Carlisle,	"
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	3	Abbottstown charge,	450	500	400	87		67		24		Abbottstown,	"
Daniel Gring,	5	Shrewsbury charge,			305	51		40		16		Shrewsbury,	"
Vacant,	4	Emanuels charge,											

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges	Mem	B. M	Bap.	Con.	Cert.	Com	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	310	300	49	19	4	310			21	2	Baltimore,	Md.
Vacant,	1	Second church, do.												
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.,	1	Third " do.	174	280	27	9	12	174	3		1	1	Baltimore,	"
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	1	Fourth " do.	411	299	191	36		411			53	1	Baltimore,	"
Daniel Zacharias, D.D.,	1	Frederick city,	400	400	38	13	23	360	2		25	2	Frederick,	"
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Middletown,	400	250	45	18	3	350			12	4	Middletown, Frederick co.,	"
Daniel Gans,	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	226	288	20	7		226			8	1	Hagerstown, Washington co.,	"
Mortimer L. Shuford,	5	Glade charge,	411	325	36	20	3	380	10		6	4	Walkersville, Frederick co.,	"
Robert Douglas,	4	Boonsboro',	400		13	12	3	275			12	4	Shepherdstown, Jefferson co.,	Va.
William F. Colliflower,	5	Manchester,	528	500	78	42	2	406	5		22	4	Manchester, Carroll co.,	Md.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Emmittsburg,	280	263	14	13	4	273	3		16	1	Emmittsburg, Frederick co.,	"
Vacant,*	3	Funkstown,	156					124				3	Funkstown, Washington co.,	"
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	370	209	33	7	4	340			12	3	Cavetown, Washington co.,	"
John G. Fritchey,	4	Taneytown,	340		31	32	11		2		7	4	Taneytown, Carroll co.,	"
Andrew P. Freese,	3	Jefferson,	239	248	37	21		193			11	2	Jefferson, Frederick co.,	"
Lewis H. Keafauver,	2	Millerstown,	195	180	21			110	3		4	2	Fairfield, Adams co.,	Pa.
Vacant,*	3	Burkettsville,	147	261				143				1	Burkettsville, Frederick co.,	Md.
Vacant,†	1	Silver Run,	445	500	32	45			5		7	1	Union Mills, Carroll co.,	"
Benjamin Schneider,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria,	
William H. Zimmerman		Without charge,											Frederick, Frederick co.,	"
Joseph H. Apple,		Licentiate,											Lancaster,	Pa.
Charles Cast,	1	Hagerstown,			25	16		70					Hagerstown,	Md.
John Beck,		Without charge,											Funkstown, Washington co.,	"
George L. Staley,		" "											Petersville, Washington co.,	"
Vacant,*‡	1	Frederick,	66		39	9		66			4	1	Frederick, " "	"
E. E. Higbee,		Licentiate,												

* Report of last year. † Supplied by Rev. J. G. Fritchey ‡ Supplied by Rev. D. Zacharias, D. D.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Confirmat's.	Certificate.	Baptized.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
George Boger,		Without charge,								Mt. Comfort, Cabarrus co., N. C.
John H. Crawford,		Catawba charge,								Newton, Catawba co., "
John Lantz,		Without charge,								do. do.
David Crooks,		Lincoln charge,								Lincolnton, "
G. William Welker,		Guilford charge,								Clapp's, Guilford co., "
Jeremiah Ingold,		Western Rowan charge,								China Grove, Rowan co., "
Thornton Butler,		Without charge,								Lexington, "
Vacant,		Newton charge,								Newton, Catawba co., "
do.		Eastern Rowan charge,								
do.		Davidson charge,								

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	By Confir.	Baptized.	By Certif.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Samuel Helffenstein, D. D.,		Without charge,								Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa
George Wack,		do.								Blue Bell, do. "
Jacob B. Keller,	3	Böhms,	360	300	14	8		6	3	" " do. "
Jacob Helffenstein,	1			*445						Germantown, "
J. R. Kooken,										Mercersburg, "
John S. Ermentrout,	1									Norristown, "
Samuel Helffenstein, Jr.		Without charge,								Blue Bell, Montgom'y co., "
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland charge,		150	10	15			3	Chester Springs, "
David Hefelfinger,	3	Brownback's, &c.,		140	6	7		9	3	St. Peters, Chester co., "
N. S. Aller,	1	Pleasantville,		*162						Pleasantville, Montgo'y co. "
S. H. Reid,	1	1st church,		200	1	4	20		1	Philadelphia, "
Charles Bonekemper,	1	4th church,		*340						do. "
William Philips,	1	3rd church,		125						do, "
Charles Lukens,		Without charge,								Frankford, "
Adolph Rahn,	1	2nd church,		*319						Philadelphia, "
E. W. Reinecke,	1	Supply of St. Vincent,		67	15	18		2		Norristown, "
George D. Wolff,		Without charge,								do. "
A. B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe, &c.,	275	275	11	11		7	2	Trappe, Montgomery co., "

* Report of previous year.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certif.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Shepherdstown,										Shepherdstown,	Va.
Daniel Feete,	5	Mt. Crawford,		30	5		188	1		2	4	Mt. Crawford,	"
Henry St. J. Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,		24	28		233			2	1	Hamburg, Shenandoah co.,	"
John G. Wolff,	4	Woodstock,	286	23	18	3	234	4	1	4	3	Woodstock,	"
John C. Hensell,	8	Middlebrook,	200	11	4		160	8		3		Middlebrook,	"
Samuel J. Fetzer,	4	Augusta,		18	1		114					New Hope, Augusta co.,	"
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,		16	4		100				1	Lovettsville,	"
Peter S. Davis,	2	Winchester,	90	23	1	5	73				2	Winchester,	"
J. Hanneberry,*	2	Central,										New Market,	"
Vacant,		Pendleton,											

* Recently taken charge.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Me.	Bapt.	By Co.	By Cer.	Com.	Dism.	Excom.	Death.	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
John Rebaugh,	2	Middleburg and Welsh Run,	125	240	34	10	6	120	6		10	1	Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender,	1	Chambersburg,	225		11	10	2	180	11		8	1	Chambersburg, " "
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Editor of Ger. Ref. Mess.,											" " "
Benj. S. Schneck, D. D.,		Without charge,											" " "
John W. Nevin, D. D.,		" "											Mercersburg, " "
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Prof. in Theological Sem'y.,											" " "
John S. Foulk,	1	Greencastle,	324	268	22	18	4	263	5		7	1	Greencastle, " "
George W. Glessner,	2	Shippensburg and Orrstown,	160	100	13			160			6	2	Shippensburg, Cumberland co., "
Henry Wagner,	2	Mercersburg and Little Cove,	150	167	17	4	1	121	5		4	2	Mercersburg, Franklin county, "
Frederick A. Rupley,	4	Alexandria, &c.,	260	160	19	11		240	5	4	8	2	Alexandria, Huntingdon co., "
Matthew Irvine,	3	Friend's Cove, &c.,	350	321	41	30	1	320			9	2	Rainsburg, Bedford county, "
Theobald Fouse,	6	Union, Zion's, &c.,	375	600	66	32	9	370	6		17	2	Jamescreek, Huntingdon co., "
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford, Schellsburg, &c.,	410		38	32	2	410		5	7	3	Bedford, Bedford county, "
Jeremiah Heller,	3	St. Clairsville, &c.,	394		58	23	5	362	6		13	1	St. Clairsville, Bedford county, "
Samuel Miller, Editor,	3	Grindstonehill, &c.,	350		29	4	8	283			4	2	Chambersburg, Franklin co., "
Jacob Hassler,	2	Loudon and St. Thomas,	210	120	22	10	3	190	6		12	2	Mercersburg, " " "
William M. Deatrick,	2	Huntingdon & McConellst'n,	155	187	32	9	8	150	5		1	3	Huntingdon, Huntingdon co., "
Samuel Philips,	4	Martinsburg, &c.,	279	337	60	58	25	275	3	3	10	4	Martinsburg, Blair co., "
Moses A. Stewart,	3	McConnellsburg, &c.,	180	162	12	1		150	2		8	2	McConnellsburg, Fulton co., "
Vacant,	3	Waynesboro' &c.,											
W. D. C. Rodrock,	4	Strasburg, Kieffer's, &c.,											Fannettsburg, Franklin co., "
Frederick A. Scholl,		Without charge,											Greencastle, Franklin co., "
Jacob Mayer,		do. do.											Columbia, Lancaster co., "

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	No. Congrs.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,	5	Saucon, Saltzburg, &c.,			63	39		639		23		Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John A. Strassburger,	4	Tohicon, Indianfield, &c.,						*611				Sellersville, Bucks co., "
Daniel Weiser,	2	Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	860	1000	76	42		705	4	26	4	Upper Hanover, Montg'y co., "
Lewis C. Herman,	3	Pottstown, Mountain, &c.,	390		34			275		24	1	New Hanover, do. do. "
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.,						*650				Hellerstown, Northamp'n co., "
William T. Gerhart,	5	Durham, Nockamixon, &c.,			63	8		398		22	4	Bucksville, Bucks county, "
John Naille,	3	Towamencin, &c.,						*294				Line Lexington, do. "
Christian R. Kessler,		Without charge,										Allentown, Lehigh county, "
J. B. Pörner,	3	Uppermilford, Chesnut Hill,										
N. S. Strassburger,	5	Amity, Pottstown, &c.,			79	41	1	497	1	43	4	Pottstown, Montgomery co., "
A. L. Dechant,	5	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,			68	18		360		23	5	Frederick, do. do. "
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Reiglesville,										Easton, Northampton co., "

Baumstown, supplied by Rev. David Hefelfinger. * Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sabbath School.	Post Office Addresses.
John F. Busche,	1	Suffolk street, New York,	80	80	71	2				1	New York city, N. Y.
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston, Mass.,	245	145	64	7		40		1	Boston, Massachusetts.
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	849	290	51		101		24		Buffalo, N. Y.
George F. Jahnke,	3	Lockport charge,	350	147	39				10		Lockport, Niagara county, "
John Althouse,	3	Canada West,		89	29				7		Canada West, "
William Meyer,	2	Tonowanda charge,		*278							Tonowanda, "
J. C. Brunner,		Willow Grove charge,									Willow Grove, Montgom'y co., Pa.
Andrew Shröder,	1	Rochester,									Rochester, New York.

* Report of last year.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Charges or Congregations.	Members.	Bapt. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confir.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.	
Isaac Gerhart,	5	Manheim,	220	110	10	4		74	8			3	Manheim, Lancaster county,	Pa.
Nathaniel A. Keyes,	1	St. Pauls church,	127	123	12	8	1	127	2		8	1	Lancaster city,	"
Joel L. Reber,	4	Millersville,	223	110	17	8	9	194	3		6	2	do. do.	"
Henry Harbaugh,	1	1st church,	558	450	51	38	14	487	4		16	1	do. do.	"
John F. Mesick, D. D.,	1	Harrisburg,	241		11	1	3	231	9	1	4	2	Harrisburg,	"
Daniel Hertz,	6	Ephrata,	290	125	63	37		285	40		12	3	Ephrata, Lancaster county,	"
William Goodrich,	2	New Providence,	158	130	10	16	1	145			10	2	Strasburg, do. do.,	"
Daniel Y. Heisler,	5	Hummelstown,	236	130	43	51	2	226			28	5	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.,	"
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,	2	New Holland,			12	7	8	75			6	1	New Holland, Lancaster co.,	"
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.,		No charge,											Lancaster city,	"
Joshua H. Derr,	3	Elizabethtown,											do. do.	"
Thomas C. Porter,		Prof. in F. & M. College,											do. do.	"
Theodore Apple,		do. do. do.											do. do.	"
John V. Eckert,		Licentiate,												

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Bapt. Members.	Baptisms.	By Certificate.	By Confirmat.	Communicants	Dismissed	Excommunica.	Deaths.	Sabbath School.
East Pennyslvania Classis,	20	69	2771		1113		601	7736			422	34
Lebanon "	18	61	4253	933	1161	15	584	6175	13		399	58
Susquehanna "	26	94	4929	600	672		864	5419			297	76
Zions "	19	60	4395	3025	536	15	407	4752	30		151	40
Maryland "	21	46	5498	4303	726	69	319	4211	33		223	41
North Carolina "	7	22										
Virginia "	9	27	576		140	8	54	1097	13	1	11	11
Philadelphia "	18	19	685		58	20	57	2523			24	12
Mercersburg "	22	47	3947	2662	474	74	252	3594	60	12	124	30
Goshenhoppen "	12	41	1250	1000	383	1	148	4129	4		61	18
New York "	7	12		1024	259	101	9	1029	40		2	
Lancaster "	14	30	2043	1178	229	38	165	1794	66	1	80	10
Total,	198	528	30297	11725	5751	341	2960	42759	259	14	1792	340

☞ The foregoing statistics are very imperfect. The reports of several of the Classes are not much more than half filled out. From some large congregations and charges, there is no report at all. The whole design in getting up these tables is defeated by this inattention on the part of some of the Classes. The delinquents should be held to a strict account for their negligence. STATED CLERK.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church of Ohio,

AND

ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN

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Of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio, and adjacent States, convened in Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, commencing its sessions on the evening of the 14th of May, and closing on Tuesday the 20th of May, 1856.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

Synod was called to order at the appointed time by the President. The opening sermon was preached by request of the President, in whose congregation the Synod met, by Rev. D. Winters, from Romans 10:1—*Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1—*From the Miami Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. H. Rust, I. H. Reiter, D. Winters and P. C. Prugh.

Elders—D. Rader, Fred. Hawker and Jesse Prugh.

2—*Classis of Lancaster.*

Ministers—Rev. I. S. Weisz and J. H. Buser.

Elders—D. Bergstresser and M. Miller.*

3—*Classis of Westmoreland.*

Ministers—Rev. W. Conrad and Geo. B. Russell.

Elders—A. Beam and Benj. Kimmel.

4—*Sandusky Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. S. B. Leiter and P. J. Spangler.

Elders—John Bretz and Jacob Ohl.

5—*Tiffin Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. J. H. Good, Prof. H. J. Rutenick and J. H. Klein.

Elders—S. Kreidler and C. Myers.*

6—*St. Joseph Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. Wm. M. Reed and R. R. Salter.

Elder—Peter Loose.

7—*Classis of Indiana.*

Minister—Rev. Geo. Long.

Elder—H. Fenneman.

8—*Classis of Clarion.*

Ministers—Rev. L. B. Leberman and H. F. Hartman.

Elder—A. H. Allebaugh.

9—*St. John Classis.*

Minister—Rev. J. W. Hamm.

Elder—Alfred Schneider.

10—*Illinois Classis.*

Minister—Rev. D. Kroh.

Elder—Jonathan Reitzell.

11—*Sheboygan Classis.*

None present.

Synod of North America.

Rev. J. Rebaugh.

Evangelical Verein.

Rev. J. G. Abele.

Advisory Members.—Rev. Geo. W. Williard, S. Mease, J. C. Henneman, Wm. K. Zeiber, R. Good, E. Eschmeier, M. Stern, J. J. Brecht, J. Klingler, J. C. Klar, J. J. Excell, C. H. Reiter, and L. Edmonds. Rev. M. Keiffer and F. A. Rupley, of the Synod of North America.

Licentiate—J. M. Lefever.

Elders—Phillip Heilman, Jacob Bunn, G. Robb, J. Kuhns, Thomas Swander and J. T. Blain.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. L. D. Leberman was chosen President.

Rev. I. H. Reiter, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. Geo. W. Williard is the Stated Clerk.

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*Their seats were occupied in their absence by their alternates J. T. Blain and Thomas Swander.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Rules of Synod were read by the Stated Clerk, and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod:

Morning Session to commence at 9 and close at 12 o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Synodical Minutes—Rev. D. Winters, R. R. Salter and Geo. B. Russell; Elders D. Rader and Fred. Hawker.

On Overtures—Rev. H. Rust, I. S. Weisz and H. F. Hartman; Elders J. T. Blain and A. Beam.

On Correspondence with Sister Churches—Rev. I. S. Weisz, I. H. Reiter and Wm. Conrad; Elders Benjamin Kimmel and J. Ohl.

On the Minutes of Classis—Rev. Geo. Long, S. B. Leiter and J. H. Klein; Elders Sam. Kreidler and H. Fenneman.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. Wm. Conrad, S. B. Leiter, Geo. Long, P. C. Prugh and J. Rebaugh; Elders C. Meyers, Jon. Reitzell.

On State of Religion and Morals—Rev. H. Rust, J. W. Hamm and D. Kroh; Elders Sam. Kreidler and A. Schneider.

On Theological Seminary—Rev. Geo. B. Russell, J. H. Buser and Wm. M. Reed; Elders A. Beam and Bergstresser.

On the College—Rev. Geo. Long, H. Rust and H. F. Hartman; Elders J. Ohl and Fred. Hawker.

On Missions—Rev. S. B. Leiter, J. Rebaugh and Wm. Conrad; Elders A. Schneider and J. Reitzell.

On Finance—Rev. Wm. M. Reed, D. Winters and D. Kroh; Elders S. Kreidler and C. Meyers.

On Publication—Rev. I. H. Reiter, J. W. Hamm and M. Stern; Elders Fred. Hawker and D. Rader.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. H. F. Hartman, W. K. Zieber and J. H. Good; Elders J. T. Blain & B. Kimmel.

On Nominations—Rev. P. C. Prugh, S. B. Leiter and D. Kroh; Elders A. Beam and Fred. Hawker.

On Education—Rev. D. Kroh, P. C. Prugh and Geo. B. Russell; Elders Peter Loose and J. Prugh.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the committee on Overtures.

2. The minutes of the several Classes were referred to said committee.

3. The Reports of the different Boards and Treasurers were received, read, and referred to their respective committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Sermon on Thursday evening, by Rev. I. S. Weisz, of Lancaster Classis.

Friday Evening: Inauguration of Theological Professor, by Synod's Committee.

Preparatory Sermon, Saturday afternoon, by Rev. Wm. Conrad, of Westmoreland Classis.

Sermon, Saturday evening, by Rev. F. A. Rupley, of Mercersburg Classis.

Communion Sermon, Sabbath morning, by Rev. J. Rebaugh, of Mercersburg Classis.

Sabbath evening, Synodical Missionary Anniversary, by Missionary Board.

Sermon, Monday evening, by Rev. S. B. Leiter, of Sandusky Classis.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday morning, by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, of Westmoreland Classis. Sunday evening, by Rev. Sam'l Mease, of Miami Classis.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, by Rev. Geo. Long, of Indiana Classis.

Lutheran Church, Sunday morning, by Rev. W. M. Reed, of St. Joseph Classis.

Second German Reformed Church—Sermon in the German Language, Sabbath afternoon, by Rev. L. D. Leberman.

Sermon in the German Language, on Sabbath evening at early candle-light, by Rev. J. W. Hamm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. HARTMAN, Ch'n.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1. On page 8th is the appointment of a committee to act in concert with a similar committee from the Eastern Synod, in the preparation and publication of suitable tracts for the German Reformed Church.

2. On page 10th is the appointment of a committee to address a Pastoral Letter through the periodicals of the church to the congregations within our bounds, with respect to the low salaries of Ministers.

3. On page 11th is the appointment of a committee to affect a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and this country.

4. On same page is the continuation of a committee to prepare a map for Synod, setting forth the boundary lines of the different Classes.

5. On page 14th, the officers of Synod were instucted to forward a call to the Rev. M. Keiffer, the Professor elect.

6. On same page is the appointment of a committee to instal the Professor in case of his acceptance.

7. On page 16th, the election of Rev. J. G. Zahner delegato Primarius, to attend the Evangelical Verein.

8. On page 19th, the appointment of a committee to take into consideration, in connection with a committee of the Eastern Synod, the propriety of publishing a Sabbath School paper for the use of the church,

9. On same page is the appointment of a committee to report on the publication of a new German Hymn Book.

10. On page 27th is the appointment of a committee to superintend the Library.

11. On page 42d, the Treasurer was instructed to correspond with the Classes in arrearages to Synod, in reference to their delinquency.

12. On same page the Treasurer of Synod was authorized to borrow money to pay the indebtedness of Synod to the Theological Seminary.

13. On page 43d, the Board of Publication is instructed to request the editor of the Western Missionary to make all necessary explanations through its columns why it cannot be published weekly, as was originally intended.

14. On the same page is the election of delegates to attend the Eastern Synod.

15. On page 47th the attention of the Classes and Ministers is directed to the importance of beneficiary education.

16. On page 48th is the appointment of a committee to make investigation respecting certain church property in Pittsburg, which it is believed ought to be in possession of our Synod.

17. On same page the Stated Clerk is authorized to publish the minutes of Synod in their usual pamplet form.'

MINUTES OF THE EASTERN SYNOD.

18. On page 12th, is the appointment of a committee to act in concert with a committee from our Synod in reference to certain Tracts for the Church.

19. On page 14th is the appointment of delegates to this Synod.

20. On page 74th is a request to this Synod to concur with them in a change of the Constitution, art. 9, sec. 3, chap. part second.

21. On page 98 is the appointment of a committee to prepare a Childs' Catechism.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, Ch'n.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The committee reported that they had not been able to make any progress in the important matter submitted to them, whereupon the committee was continued by substituting the name of Rev. G. B. Russell in the place of Rev. S. H. Giesy. The com-

lated among the membership of our church without the sanction of Synod.

Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Good, Geo. W. Williard and Geo. B. Russell; Elders A. H. Allebaugh and D. Rader. This committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The special committee to whom was referred the following resolution of the Classis of Clarion, namely, "That Synod be respectfully requested to say whether it is constitutional for a classis, or for an individual member of such, to publish a religious periodical, to be circulated among the membership of our church, without the sanction of Synod," beg leave respectfully to report:

That there is nothing in the constitution forbidding any member or members engaging in the publication of any periodical or book for general circulation in the church. This right and privilege has been frequently exercised in this and other churches. Such publication cannot however bear the authority of the Synod without its express action. Should any minister publish an improper work he is properly responsible to the classis with which he is connected; and a classis in such a case is responsible to Synod.

J. H. GOOD, Ch'n.

(*e*) It also requests Synod to grant it an honorable dismission to the Eastern Synod.

Referred to special committee, consisting of Rev. W. K. Zieber, Prof. Kieffer and I. H. Reiter; Elders J. T. Blain and Jesse Prugh. This committee presented the following report:

Report of Special Committee on application of Clarion Classis for dismission to the Eastern Synod.

The special committee on the request of Clarion Classis for dismission to Eastern Synod, respectfully recommend the following for Synod's adoption:

Inasmuch as the Clarion Classis sustains the most friendly relation to this Synod, and no absolute necessity calls for a withdrawal from our connection; and whereas, in the infancy of our institutions and the general benevolent operations of our church, it would seriously affect this body to part with those whose aid is needed and has hitherto been given. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod respectfully and affectionately declines acceeding to the request of Clarion Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER, Ch'n.

The yeas and nays being called for on the above report, stood as follows:

YEAS—Rev. Wm. Conrad, D. Kroh, S. B. Leiter, Geo. Long, H. Rust, Geo. B. Russell, I. H. Reiter, I. S. Weisz, D. Winters; Elders J. T. Blain, D. Bergstresser, J. Bretz, H. Fenneman, S. Kreidler, T. Swander, J. Ohl, J. Prugh, P. Loose, D. Rader, and J. Reitzel—20.

NAYS—Rev. J. H. Buser, J. H. Klein, L. D. Leberman, Wm. M. Reed, Prof. Rutenick, H. F. Hartman; Elders A. H. Allebaugh, A. Beam and Benj. Kimmel—9.

NON LIQUET—Rev. J. H. Good and J. Rebaugh—2.

4. Indiana Classis requests Synod (*a*) to proceed with the publication of Tracts, setting forth in a plain and concise manner the Doctrines and Genius of the German Reformed Church.

Referred to the Committee on Tracts. See action under Synodical minutes.

(*b*) So to alter its boundary line on the south and west, that where the Ohio and Indiana State line strikes the Ohio River, the boundary line between Miami and Indiana Classes may run in a continuous line due south, and where the northern boundary of Indiana Classis strikes the Indiana and Illinois State line, its northern line may run in a continuous line due west.

Referred back to the Indiana Classis, in view of the action of Synod on the request of Clarion Classis in the above report.

5. St. John's Classis recommends to the serious consideration of the Synod the publication of a German Church paper for the west.

Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. H. Rust, J. W. Hamm and F. A. Rupley; Elders J. Ohl, and A. Schneider.—The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The special committee to which was referred the request of Tiffin and St. John's classes respecting the publication of a German Church paper for the West, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on the proposed publication of a German religious paper in the western church, would respectfully report, that

we fully appreciate the action of Tiffin and St. John's classes on this subject, and agree with them in the opinion that it might add materially to the prosperity of our church and missionary operations among the German population if such a paper were established and properly conducted. But it is a well known fact that quite a number of religious periodicals are at present very poorly sustained and several respectable papers have failed entirely. Hence we do not see our way clear for definite action on this subject at present, but believe the time will come when the wishes of the brethren can and will be realized. We would propose therefore to postpone this matter until the meeting of our General Synod at Massillon. Meanwhile Synod may appoint a committee to take this subject into consideration.

H. RUST, Ch'n.

6. Illinois Classis complains to Synod that Synod's Treasurer did not give it credit for its apportionment, which they allege was forwarded.

This classis is referred to the present report of the Treasurer.

7. St. Joseph's classis requests Synod to invite the Rev. G. W. Williard to resign the editorial chair of the Western Missionary.

Referred to the committee on publication. See report of said committee.

8. Tiffin Classis recognizes (*a*) the necesssity of publishing a German religious newspaper, and recommends that it be published by Prof. H. J. Rutenick, as a private enterprise; and (*b*) requests Synod to take the preparatory step to the publication of a German Reformed Hymn Book, containing from 100 to 150 hymns, with the tunes accompanying the same.

(*a*) Referred to the committee on the request from St. John's Classis. See action under item 5.

(*b*) Referred to committee on German Hymn Book.

9. Clarion classis requests Synod to call the attention of classes under its jurisdiction to article 20, part iv, of the Constitution referring to public worship, so that there may be uniformity in this repsect.

Resolved, That the attention of classes be called to this matter.

3. *References to Classes.*

1. Miami, Lancaster, Indiana, Tiffin and St. John's classes heart-

ily approve the election of the Rev. M. Keiffer to the Professorship of Theology in our Seminary at Tiffin. Adopted.

2. Miami and St. Joseph classes urge their members to pay their apportionment to the Library debt. Adopted.

3. Miami, Lancaster, Clarion, Westmoreland, Indiana and Sandusky classes, continue their efforts for Home Missions.

4. Miami, Lancaster, Clarion, Westmoreland, Indiana and Tiffin classes urge upon their members to contribute more original matter for the columns of the Western Missionary; and to swell its subscription list. Adopted.

5. Miami, Indiana, Lancaster, Clarion, St. Joseph's and Tiffin classes adopted the form of statistical table made out by Synod.—Adopted.

6. St. Joseph's classis laid on the table the resolution of Synod requesting the members of the different classes to contribute more original matter to the columns of the Western Missionary. Referred back to St. Joseph Classis.

7. Lancaster classis earnestly requests its members to take up collections for immediate use of the Seminary. Adopted.

8. Miami and Westmoreland classes recommend to their people the subject of beneficiary education. Adopted.

9. Lancaster, Westmoreland, Sandusky, St. Johns and Illinois classes made provisions for the payment of their respective apportionments for Synod's fund. Adopted.

10. Clarion classis refuses to accede to its apportionment of $25 for Synod's fund. See action of Synod on Finance.

11. Tiffin classis gave the German Reformed Congregation in Sandusky City permission to withdraw its connection from the German Reformed Church. Adopted.

12. Indian Classis has thus far been unable to adjust and settle the difficulty between itself and the Rev. C. Kuss. See action of Synod on the same subject in the report on Overtures.

4. *Licensures, Ordinations, Receptions and Dismissions.*

1. Miami classis licensed Messrs. William Ellers and Jacob Lefever; received the Licentiate J. McConnell, from Westmoreland classis; the Licentiate S. Mease, Rev. G. W. Williard, John Pence, J. E. Freygang, D. D. from the Lacaster classis; ordained the Licentiates J. McConnell and S. Mease, and dismissed Rev. J. D. Colle-

flower to the Indiana classis and Rev. J. Steiner to the Congregational Church of Peoria, Ill.

2. Lancaster classis dismissed the Licentiate S. Mease, Rev. G. W. Williard, J. Pence, J. Freygang, D. D. to the Classis of Miami.

3. Clarion classis licensed Mr. Casper Sheel; ordained the Licenciate C. Sheel; dismissed Rev. H. Hoffman to the classis of Susquehannah, and Rev. N. E. Gilds to the classis of Mercersburg, of Synod of North America.

4. Westmoreland classis dismissed the Licentiate J. McConnell to Miami classis, and S. H. Giesy to the Maryland classis.

5. Indiana classis received Rev. J. D. Colleflower, from the classis of Miami.

6. St. John's classis dismissed Rev. J. G. Ruhl to Tiffin classis.

7. Sandusky Classis licensed Mr. L. C. Edmonds; ordained Messrs. C. H. Reiter and L. Follet; received Rev. H. Williard from Lancaster classis, and dismissed the Licentiate H. Druckenmiller to the classis of Indiana.

8. Tiffin classis ordained Mr. H. Eshmeyer.

5. *Time and Place of the Annual Meetings of the Classes.*

1. Miami classis meets in Cincinnati on the second Tuesday in October, 1856, in the evening; Rev. H. Rust, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

2. Lancaster classis meets in Jerusalem Church, Pickaway county, Ohio, on Tuesday before the full of the moon in October, 1856; Rev. Geo. Weisz, President, Rev. I. S. Weisz, Stated Clerk.

3. Clarion classis meets at St. Jacob's Church, Plum Creek Township, Armstrong county, Pa., October 10, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; Rev. F. Wise, President, Rev. H. F. Hartman, Stated Clerk.

4. Westmoreland classis meets at Irwin, Westmoreland county, Pa., on second Wednesday of October, 1856, at 6½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. N. P. Hacke, President, Rev. G. B. Russell, Stated Clerk.

5. Indiana classis meets in Indianapolis, Ia., on the last Thursday in October, 1856, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.; Rev. G. H. Zumpe, President, C. Pluess, Stated Clerk.

6. St. John's classis meets at Bates' Corner, Summit county,

O., on the first Tuesday in October, 1856, at 2 P. M.; Rev. D. Kemmerer, President, Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

7. Illinois classis meets at Orangeville, Stephenson county. Ill., on the first Friday in October, 1856, at 3 P. M.; Rev. D. Kroh, President, J. Reitzel, Stated Clerk.

8. St. Joseph's classis meetsin Lafayette, Ia., on the last Thursday before the full moon in January, 1857, at 6 P. M.; Rev. R. R. Salter, President, Rev. W. M. Reed, Stated Clerk.

9. Sandusky classis meets in Greensburg, Summit county, Ohio, on the last Friday in October, 1856, at 7 P. M.; Rev. J. Hines, President, Rev. H. Shaull, Stated Clerk.

10. Tiffin Classis meets in Republic, Seneca county, Ohio on the last Thursday in December, 1856; Rev. R. R. Good, President, Rev. J. H. Rutenick, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. LONG, Ch'n.

ARTICLE XII.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application for examination and Licensure was made in behalf of Jacob J. Escher, John Knie, Peter Vitz, Abraham B. Koplin, and Phillip Roser. They were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. This committee presented the following report which was adopted.

The committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination beg leave respectfully to report: That they have attended to the Examination of the applicants, Jacob J. Escher, John Knie, Peter Vitz, Abraham B. Koplin and Phillip Roser, on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, &c,, which was satisfactory as far as prosecuted, and would recommend them to Synod for Licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. CONRAD, Ch'n.

The candidates having signed the constitutional formula were licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. J. J. Escher and John Knie, having received calls to congregations within the bounds of Tiffin classis, were referred to said classis for ordination. The other candidates, A. B. Koplin, Peter Vitz and Phillip Roser, were also referred to and placed under the care of the Tiffin classis.

ARTICLE XIII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The committee on the state of religion and morals submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." In this sublime sentiment of a God-conscious and truly pious soul, we all have abundant reason to join. For "the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we *should* be glad."—He has supported our ministers by the power of his grace, in the performance of their arduous duties, and enabled them to come here, richly ladened with the varied experience of another important period of our life. He has bestowed his divine blessing upon the labors of his servants to the conviction and conversion of immortal souls. In our destitution we called upon him for a suitable and qualified man to fill the vacant chair of Theology in our Institution; and, behold he has led into our midst a brother who stands firmly grounded in the faith of our fathers having his feet planted upon the rock of salvation, and in whose christian character and theological ability the entire church has reason to exercise confidence. Verily, the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we should be glad.

All the classical reports, placed in our hands for examination, breathe an excellent christian spirit, and the information from various sections of our Reformed Zion, is encouraging in many respects. Several classes report the glad tidings of a much larger addition of members during the past, than any previous year.—Others rejoice over an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit in several of their respective charges. Some speak with feelings of gratitude of the cordial union and harmony prevailing in their midst; whilst others present to us the encouraging evidence of a deeper interest in our benevolent institutions, as it has been manifested by individuals and whole charges in their increased liberality. To extend the channels of Gospel piety in our church; to lengthen her cords, and to strengthen her stakes, appears to become more a prevailing desire among the different classes in our bounds. A strong evidence of this apostolic desire is before us in the united action of our present Synod, on the important subject of missions.

But we have discovered also in several of the reports, complaints of a want of true piety and living faith in some sections of their respective fields of labor. They lament the increasing reign of a money loving spirit as the chief besetting evil, among their people. This is lamentable indeed, for whenever the spirit of this world takes possession of the heart, there the spirit of God is grieved away and vital Godliness can find no abiding home. May the Lord in mercy keep awake the watchmen on the walls of Zion,

that they may duly warn themselves and their people against the impending danger of this rapidly spreading evil in the christian church.

In conclusion we would remark that according to the different reports, there seems to be a general tendency towards union in doctrine and practice throughout the church. Whatever differences of opinion there may have existed among us, in one thing we are all united, that is in the full conviction and joyous confession: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." And in this we are one with the Prophets and Apostles. It is the angelic chorus, in which all the hosts of heaven mingle their voices, and this is the only point of Gospel union that can and must be reached by the multitudes of God's people on earth. The mighty deeds of the Lord for our redemption must be felt, experienced and proclaimed by every minister and member of the church. Where this is the case, there the love of God and love to our fellow men, will burn upon the altar of our hearts, and faith and hope will perform their appointed offices in the extension of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of souls. Thank God, our ministers and elders seem generally to have reached this elevated position, or at least they are aspiring after it, and we confidently hope that the blessed day is not far distant when we shall see eye to eye. Jesus Christ and his mighty deeds having become our all in all.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, Ch'n.

ARTICLE XIV.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board has but little to report respecting its operations during the past year. Great difficulty has been experienced in managing its affairs, inasmuch as its members were so widely scattered as to make it impossible to secure regular meetings. The Rev. M. Keiffer, the Proffessor elected at last regular session of Synod, commenced his labors the 1st of last November, previous to which the Professors in the College gave instruction to the Theological students.

The Board would call the attention of Synod to the fact that it has not as yet been able to pay the salary still due the former Professor, in consequence of the small amount paid into the treasury during the past year. Some of our ministers and pastoral charges deserve much credit for the liberal contributions they have made for the immediate use of the Seminary. It is however a source of regret, that the effort has been so limited. Much interest is due on the plainfield Bonds and notes taken by Synod's agent a few years ago. The Treasurer has been indefatigable in his efforts to collect

tee consists of Rev. Geo. W. Williard, M. Stern and G. B. Rus-
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tem 2. The committee reported through its chairman, Rev. Geo. Williard, that it had attended to the duty assigned.

tem 3. The committee presented the following report, which was eived, adopted, and the committee continued for another year.

The committee on a closer Union between the Reformed Church- of Europe and our own beg leave to offer the following as their ort:

Soon after the meeting of Synod at Xenia in 1855, the import- t subject entrusted to your committee, received our earnest at- tion, because it was our sincere desire to carry out the instruc- ns of Synod, and also to lay before the church, as soon as possi- , some happy results of our labor, such as we imagined and ex- cted when this subject was last under consideration. A corres- ndence was opened by the chairman, with several other members the committee, to obtain their co-operation, and three of the thren, who are well acquainted with a number of prominent and tive Reformed Divines in the old country, signified their willing- ne and promised to make speedy enquiry as to how the wishes our Synod might best be realized. But it would seem that these thren have not been successful in their efforts, for we have learn- d nothing further from them on the subject, except that Dr. Bos- rd has informed us of having written to Prof. Hagenback at Ba- l. And only one letter from the old country has been received y the chairman, the contents of which, though excellent in spirit ns, however, not to the point. This is all that has been ne so far, and we must express our regret that we are una- le to present a more satisfactory report. We add, however, that e subject would certainly have been prosecuted more vigorously, nd more cheering results might now have been stated if the Eastern od had been laboring with us in the same direction. But when ecclesiastical body received an invitation from, and appointed legates to the approaching church Diet, without any particular erence to our Reformed Brethren in the old country; it appeared olutely necessary to the chairman of your committee, that we uld stop awhile to see what may be the consequences of this vement. For if the Western Synod should seek a closer union

with the Reformed Churches of Europe without the sympat
and co-operation of the Eastern Synod, whilst that ecclesiastic
body is actually endeavoring to form a closer union with the Eva
gelical, or United Church Diet, without the co-operation of t
Western Synod; it would give us at once the appearance of dish
mony, and the future results of these two movements in differe
directions might even prove disastrous to the union and prosper
of our own beloved Zion. In our humble opinion it would ha
been much wiser if both Synods had firmly and actively united
first securing an alliance with the Reformed Churches of the
country. From them the greater portion of our material has be
derived, and to them we have still to look for much of our mater
in future. Hence a closer union with them is not only desirab
but must prove of incalculable benefit to us. Such results, how
er, could not be expected from a closer alliance with any other
ligious body. If we wish to maintain our existence as a Reform
Church, we must beware of all unionism which requires the sacrif
of our distinctive doctrines and principles, and our material in t
bargain. If we cannot first and above all speak heart to heart a
work hand to hand with our own reformed mother church, whi
stands truly as much in need of our sympathy now, as we did f
merly of hers, then it would be better perhaps to stand alone e
tirely. It will be very difficult, however, under existing circu
stances to bring about the desired union. For we have learn
with deep regret that the editor of the "New Reformed Chur
Gazette" does not agree with some views set forth by some of o
professors; and it pains us still more deeply that a correspondent
our own German paper in the East is now publishing a series
imaginary, uncharitable and bitter criticisms on the remarks of t
above paper; which can have no other tendency than to quench t
spirit of brotherly love and to keep distant from each other moth
and daughter churches of the glorious Reformation. We will ho
however, that the Lord in mercy will overule all for the honor a
glory of His name and for our salvation; and we shall continue
pray and labor that also in this movement His holy will may
done. Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, Chairman,
H. F. HARTMAN.

Item 4. The committee made no report.

Item 5. The call was forwarded according to instruction and accepted by the Professor elect.

Item 6. The committee reported that they had thought it desirable to defer the inauguration of the Professor to the present meeting of Synod, and that they were prepared to proceed to the discharge of their duty, whereupon Friday night, the third evening of the session of Synod was fixed upon as the time for the inauguration of Rev. M. Keiffer as Professor of Theology in our Seminary, according to the arrangement of Synod's committee, which is as follows:

Hymn, by Rev. D. Winters, of Dayton, O., Chairman of Committee.

Prayer, by Rev. P. C. Prugh, of Xenia, O.

Address and Constitutional Obligation, by Rev. D. Winters.

Charge to the Professor Elect, by Rev. Geo. W. Williard, of Dayton, O.

The Right Hand of Fellowship, by the Committee of Inauguration.

Inaugural Address, by Rev. M. Keiffer, of Tiffin, O.

The Addresses delivered on the occasion were, on motion, requested for publication, and a committee, consisting of Rev. W. K. Zieber, J. H. Good and I. S. Weisz, was appointed to superintend their publication.

A committee, consisting of Prof. H. J. Rutenick and M. Stern was appointed to translate and publish the above addresses in the German language.

Item 7. The delegate reported that he had attended the Verein, and was cordially received. See action of Synod under report of committee on correspondence with sister churches.

Item 8. No report from the committee, whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, P. C. Prugh and Geo. W. Williard; Elders A. Beam and C. Meyers, to report on the subject during the session of Synod. The committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Committee on Sabbath School paper respectfully report, That the subject of publishing a paper for the use of the children and youth of the church presents itself with great importance. That it is de-

sirable to publish such a paper, and that it would be beneficial t the growing interest of the church, it is presumed there can be n difference of opinion. Several of the classes have called the atte tion of Synod to the subject; your committee, after a careful con sideration of the subject, in all its aspects, would recommen the following action:

Resolved, 1, That it is desirable and important to have such publication as contemplated for the use of our Sunday Schools an the youth of our church.

Resolved 2. That a committee be appointed to whom this matte be referred, with power to act in the case.

Resolved 3. That they proceed with the publication so soon as th proper plan for the establishment of such a paper be digested, so a to relieve the Synod from all pecuniary liability, and afford a ne monthly issue at a cost of not more than ten or twelve dollars p hundred copies per annum.

Resolved 4. That the Synod will endeavor, through the differen classes, to secure subscriptions for at least 8000 copies.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, Chairman.

The committee called for in the above report consists of Rev. S Mease, Geo. B. Russell, Geo. W. Williard and W. K. Zieber.

Item 9. The committee presented the following report, whic was received and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod of Ohio and adjacen States, to report on the subject of a new German Hymn Book, re spectfully report as follows:

1 The wish has been expressed in different directions, for a bet ter Hymn Book without excluding the one at present in use.

2 As the singing of Psalms is peculiar to the German Reformed church, therefore our new Hymn Book should contain many Psalms of which many good translations and melodies may be found, and which should be placed together as a seperate division.

3 The Hymns, whether old or new, should be of Evangelical Re formed poets; those of Lampe, Neander, Tersbegen, deserve espe cial attention. Valueless Hymns should not be received, in order that there may be suitable hymns for every possible occasion, for if there are no (suitable) hymn for a particular occasion, there can be one sung of more general import.

4 Errors in language, and that which is unbiblical, to be improved without hesitation, but no hymn need otherwise be abridged for the German readily uses the hymn book also as a book for edification in the family, and the hymns of his poets are worthy of it:

5 If we desire, according to the mind of Paul, that the congregation sing, then let us offer, with the hymns, the melodies also, as did our fathers, for it cannot be expected that every member that goes to church will know the different tunes by heart, or, that he will take with him a particular choral book.

6 Tunes of one part are necessary, of two parts desirable, and such of four parts best.

7 To arrange many divisions and sub-divisions is not advisable, as they render their use inconvenient.

8 If in the register the name of the author is affixed to every hymn, it will be acceptable to many.

9 Small Octavo we deem to be the most suitable form.

10 Inasmuch as the Eastern Synod has also appointed a committee for a new Hymn Book, we would recommend that the Synod of Ohio communicate their views on this subject to the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOSSARD, Ch'n.

The Rev. J. G. Zahner and Dr. Bossard were appointed a committee to co-operate with the committee of the Eastern Synod in the preparation and publication of a German Hymn Book. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to forward the above report to the Rev. J. G. Zahner.

Item 10. The committee reported. See report under Theological Seminary. The committee was continued.

Item 11. Atended to.

Item 12. Attended to.

Item 13. Attended to.

Item 14. The delegate presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Delegate to Synod of North America.

The undersigned, in consequence of the delegate Primarius having removed from the bounds of the Ohio Synod, attended the

Synod of North America, held at Chambersburg, Pa., in the month of October, 1855. He was cordially received and kindly entertained by that body. It afforded him great pleasure to witness the unanimity that characterized its deliberations. He beheld also numerous evidences of the great prosperity with which the Eastern Church has been blessed for some years past. Our brethren across the mountains entertain and express the most kindly feeling towards those of their own faith in the West.

The subjects referred to the Eastern by the Western Synod received due attention, as the proceedings show.

The expenses incurred by your delegate amount to $33.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER.

Tiffin, Ohio, May 14, 1856.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of the delegate to the sum of 16,50, being the one-half of his travelling expenses.

Item 15. See action of Synod in the report of the committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 16. No report from the committee. The committee was continued by making the Rev. N. P. Hacke, Chairman, and substituting the name of the Rev. T. G. Apple in the place of Rev. J. Steiner.

The corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to Rev. J. Steiner and procure the documents placed in his hands at the last Synod, referring to this matter.

Item 17. Attended to.

Item 18. Adopted.

Item 19. Adopted.

Item 20. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Buser, S. Mease, Geo. B. Russell; Elders P. Loose and J. Ohl. This committee reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the request of the Eastern Synod to concur with them in so altering Art. 9, Sec. 3, Chap. 2. Part 2, of the Constitution, as to authorize the publication of the Minutes of the Synods as to give them to the Church in the regular order of business, as transacted from session to session, instead of the order as laid down in the Lemmata, would respectfully sub-

mit the following report: That whilst this Synod would with pleasure concur with the Eastern Synod in all matters pertaining to the interests of the Reformed Church in America, it cannot see the expediency of the alteration of the Constitution, as called for in this request, but would prefer that that clause of the Constitution remain as it now is.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BUSER, Ch'n.

Item 21. On motion the attention of the Eastern Synod was respectfully called to the terms of correspondence between the two bodies.

ARTICLE XI.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Committee on Classical Minutes reported. The report was received and adopted item by item, and is as follows:

1. *Irregularities.*

Item 1. Miami and Tiffin Classes did not give the Christian name of some applicants for licensure and ordination. Adopted.

2. Lancaster Classis struck the name of one of its members from the roll of ministers without assigning a reason for such action.—Adopted.

3. St. Joseph Classis received a minister of another denomination as an advisory member. Adopted.

4. Sandusky Classis did not send in their minutes in a proper form for the use of Synod's committee. Adopted.

5. Tiffin Classis, during its session, received a verbal report from the committee on examination. Adopted.

6. Sheboygan Classis failed to send in its minutes in due time. Adopted.

2. *Requests and Recommendations.*

1. Miami and Indiana Classes request to take into consideration the immediate publication of a Sabbath School paper for our Church.

Referred to the special committee appointed to report on this subject under Synodical Minutes. See report.

2. Lancaster Classis directs the attention of Synod to the fact that the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College paid for tuition

one thousand dollars of the endowment fund; and requests Synod to have said fund kept sacred for the object for which it was designed; and complains of the Board of Trustees of Heidleberg College for not officially notifying its members of the time and object of its meetings during the year.

Referred to the committee on Heidelberg College. See report of said committee.

3. Clarion Classis (*a*) feels aggrieved at the oversight and action of Synod with reference to its statistical report, and requests Synod to exercise more care in the future. (*b*) It requests Synod so to alter the Constitution, that the principle of the majority to rule may be maintained inviolate and sacred, and refers Synod to chap. 2, sec. 3, art. 7, of the Constitution.

(*a*) Adopted.

(*b*) Referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. Rebaugh, L. D. Leberman and I. H. Reiter; Elders J. Brets and B. Kimmel. This committee presented the following report which was adopted:

The special committee appointed to consider the request of Clarion Classis concerning an alteration of art. 7: part. 2, chap. 2, sec. 3. of the constitution, so as to have the principle of the majority to rule, would recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod does not regard such an alteration expedient or beneficial at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. REBAUGH, Ch'n.

(*c*) It requests Synod to reconsider its action, granting the organization of a new Classis to be known as the "Goshen Classis."

The request was acceded to, whereupon the following action was had:

Inasmuch as the proposed new Classis has not been organized, and the circumstances of the case seem to require that no action be taken at the present in the premises, therefore,

Resolved, That Synod request the Classes of Indiana and St. Joseph to remain as to their boundary as they now are, till Synod see reason to order it otherwise.

(*d*) It requests Synod to say whether it is constitutional for a classis or an individual to publish a religious periodical to be circu-

the outstanding dues of the Seminary, with but little success. As many of the notes have been due for some time, and much interest is back on Plainfield Bonds, it would be well for the Synod to give the Board some instruction as to the course to be pursued in the collection of these claims. Unless something is done to place the endowment of the institution in a different shape, the Board will only become more and more embarrassed in its operations. In the present posture of things special collections for the immediate use of the seminary are indespensably necessary.

There is still a large amount due on the house purchased by Synod for the use of our Theological Professor. The Board has not been able to make any payment during the past year on the purchase, not having the funds to do so. This state of things should not continue inasmuch as it may involve the seminary in painful embarrassment.

As the Synod made no provisions at its last meeting for the removal expenses of our Professor, the Board would recommend that some action be taken during our present session in reference to the subject. A special effort on the part of Synod might easily raise all that is necessary. The Rev. J. W. Hamm having rendered great service to the Board, both in securing subscriptions and bonds for the seminary, and in collecting the same without any remuneration for his services, the Board would recommend to Synod, for special reasons, a reduction in his bond.

We refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer for further information respecting the financial condition of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Pres't of Board.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary:*

1855.	In account with Seminary, Ger. Ref. Church,	Dr.
May 19.	Balance on hand,	$111 83
" 29.	A. Wilkins on note,	10 00
" 29.	S. Reed on note,	10 00
" 29.	M. C. Boyer on note,	1 00
June 19.	John Shilling, bond in full,	50 00
July 19.	George Ingraham, note in full,	25 00
" 19.	Daniel Weidner on note,	5 00
Aug. 10.	Miss E. Stump, bond in full,	50 00
Sept. 19.	Henry Houser, on note,	15 00
Nov. 13.	James Leppo note in full,	10 00
Dec. 8.	Joseph Heiney, note,	20 00
1856.		
Jan. 3.	M. Oldfather, note in full,	25 00
" 7.	Adam Hawker, on note,	5 00
Feb. 13.	George Darner, on note,	20 00

Feb. 26.	Samuel Rodeheffer, note in full,	25 00
Mar. 10.	H. Poff, on note,	10 00
" 24.	Jacob Herring, note in full,	18 00
" 24.	Thomas Beal, note in full,	10 00
Apr. 12.	William Etling, note in full,	15 00
" 17.	Jacob Musselman, on note,	5 00
" 17.	Daniel Weidner, on note,	5 00
May. 9.	L. W. Mease, note in full,	5 00
" 9.	L. Mease, Jr., on note,	5 00
		$455 83
		Cr.
By amount paid on note for Professor's House,		$139 00
By temporary loan to other fund,		75 00
By balance on hand,		241 83
		$455 83

FUND FOR PROFESSOR'S SALARY.

1855.	Amount on hand,	$22 11
May 29.	Mrs. Maria Dressler, interest on bond,	3 00
" 30.	Jonas Michael, " "	6 00
" 30.	Jacob Rust, " "	12 00
" 30.	Union Charge pledges at Synod, 1854,	10 00
" 31.	Rev. L. D. Leberman, part pledged at Synod,	10 00
" 31.	Rev. N. E. Gilds, part pledged at Synod,	5 00
June 1.	Joseph Coblentz, interest on bond,	6 00
" 1.	Rev. H. Shaull, " "	6 00
" 1.	J. Sonedecker, " "	3 00
" 2.	A. H. Baughman, " "	6 00
" 2.	Mrs. M. Baughman, " "	6 00
" 6.	G. G. Prugh, " "	6 00
" 19.	John Shilling, " "	3 00
" 22.	John Tawney, " "	3 00
" 25.	Rev. J. B. Thompson, " "	6 00
" 25.	Rev. J. B. Thompson, pledge at Synod 1854,	5 00
" 29.	Rev. I. S. Weisz, interest on loan &c. due by Synod,	103 00
" 29.	John Dietz, interest on bond,	3 00
" 29.	Charles Brown, " "	6 00
" 29.	S. Crist, " "	6 00
July 11.	Dr. G. W. Maris, interest on loan,	18 50
" 17.	A. Faber, interest on bond,	4 80
" 17.	John L. Gill, interest on loan,	17 50
" 17.	John Steel, interest on bond,	1 50
" 18.	John Leiss, " "	3 00
Aug. 10.	Miss E. Stump, " "	3 00
Sept. 18.	Rev. Benj. Knepper, pledge at Synod 1854,	5 00

Sept.18.	Rev. J. Hoyman, pledge at Synod 1854.	10 00
Nov.14.	Rev. P. Herbruck collection immediate use,	5 00
Dec. 6.	Simon Hawker, interest on bond,	3 00
" 21.	Basil charge pledge at Synod 1854,	10 00
" 21.	First church at Tiffin, pledge at Synod 1854	10 00
" 21.	John Royer interest on bond,	12 00
1856.		
Jan. 3.	M. Oldfather interest on note,	1 00
" 3.	Rev. D. Winters interest on bond,	6 00
" 3.	D. H. Prugh interest on bond,	5 00
" 3.	Basil Ewry " "	3 00
" 3.	Adam Hawker interest donation,	1 00
" 8.	Jesse Prugh interest on bond,	6 00
" 8.	John Prugh " "	6 00
" 8.	J. V. Prugh " "	3 00
" 25.	Jacob Ridenour, interest on bond, (4 80)	5 00
" 25.	Mrs. Albert and J. Mast, interest on bond,	3 93
Feb.11.	Rev. H. Williard, " "	12 00
Mar. 1.	Jacob Darner, " "	6 00
" 1.	Rev. G. W. Williard, collection Mt. Carnel congregation,	3 60
" 5.	Jonathan Snyder, interest on bond,	6 00
" 5.	Rev. P. C. Prugh, collection Beaver congregation,	8 00
" 5.	" " " Xenia "	5 00
" 18.	Rev. D. Winters, " Zions "	22 00
" 18.	J. Templar, interest on bond,	2 00
" 23.	Jacob Herring, interest on note,	2 00
Ap. 17.	Henry Brehm, interest on Bond,	3 00
" "	John Leiss, " "	3 00
" 19.	Daniel Flickenger " "	6 00
May 9.	Jacob Kuhns, " "	3 00
" "	George Shaffer, "	3 00
" "	John L. Gill, interest on loan,	17 50
" 14.	Rev. L. D. Leberman, in full pledge Synod, 1854,	5 00
" 15.	Rev. D. Winters, col. Mt. Zion cong.	7 30
" "	Rev. J. H. Buser, col. Kinnickinnick cong.	6 00
" "	Joseph Coblentz, interest on bond,	6 00
" "	Rev. J. W. Hamm, " "	6 00
" "	A. H. & S. H. Baughman, "	16 20
" "	Rev. S. B. Leiter, " "	12 00
		$539 94
Cr. By amts paid Prof. Gerhart,		290 61
" " " Prof. Keiffer, 1st quarter salary,		150 00
Balance on hand,		$99 33

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treasurer Theo. Sem.*

Columbus, May 15, 1856.

3. *Report on the Library Fund.*

1 Treasurer of Library Fund in acct with Synod, Dr.	
Nov. 15, 1856, To cash received from Rev. H. Shaull, Treasurer of Sandusky Classis,	$ 5 00
May 15, 1856, To cash received from J. T. Blain, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis,	10 00
	$15 00
Cr. Nov. 15, 1956, By amount refunded Board of Beneficiary Education,	5 00
Balance in Treasury,	$10 00
2 Indebtedness of Library Fund.	
Due Beneficiary Board,	$0 79
Due M. Keiffer & Co. (exclusive of interest)	4 90
	$5 69
3 Due Library Fund from the classes—	
From Miami Classis,	$6 00
" Lancaster Classis,	5 00
" St. Joseph's Classis,	5 00
	$16 00

W. K. ZIEBER, *Treasurer.*

May 16, 1856.

4. *Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was adopted:

Regarding the Theological Seminary of the Western Synod, as an interest of the first importance to the welfare and prosperity of the Church, it cannot but bespeak the earnest solicitude of every lover of our Zion. Rejoicing in the fact that we now have the Professorship filled by one well calculated to command the entire love and confidence of the whole church, all have a right to expect that this institution will be so sustained as to insure its greatest usefulness and complete success.

In order to meet the wants for which it was created, it is necessary that the Professor be able to give his entire attention to the numerous duties devolving upon him in the Theological Seminary. It is therefore to be hoped, that the Trustees of the College will, at an early day, provide a President for that institution, and so relieve the Theological Professor from any labors in the College, which he may now be expected to perform.

Next to this, in importance, is the financial condition of the Seminary. In the present imperfect state of the endowment fund, the operations of the Seminary cannot but be crippled, and its

usefulness seriously impeded. From the Treasurer's report it appears that large amounts of endowment funds, in bonds and notes, are unproductive—the interest thereon remaining unpaid. It would therefore be desirable that a general effort be made to collect all the outstanding bonds, and have them so invested as to be always productive, and the proceeds always available.

The balance due Prof. Gerhart, ($159,25,) and the balance due on an order drawn by Prof. Gerhart in favor of Rev. G. W. Williard, ($66) and the recommendation of the board of Trustees of the Seminary that the removal expenses of Prof. Kieffer, ($110,12) and ($50,40) interest due Rev. A. Wanner, ought at once to be provided for and paid, (385,77.)

The Treasurer's report shows that $539,94 were received on Professor's salary, and ($455,83) on the endowment fund.

The amount due on the house bought by the Synod for the use of the Theological Professor, is about *twelve hundred dollars*, for the payment of which this Synod should at once provide in such way as to leave the endowment fund intact.

We would therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Seminary Board be respectfully requested to take some efficient measures for the collection of interests due on bonds and notes, and the collection and productive investment of the bonds themselves.

Resolved That the attention of the different classes be called to the indebtedness of the Seminary, as presented in the above report, with the request that measures be taken to secure immediate collections in those charges, which have as yet done nothing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, Ch'n.

In connection with the above it was further,

Resolved, That the plan of taking subscriptions in behalf of our Seminary to run for at least five years, be recommended to the different congregations throughout the bounds of Synod.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to draw up a Constitution and Charter for the Theological Seminary, and present the same to the next Synod for adoption.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was constituted said committee.

ARTICLE XV.

HEIDELBURG COLLEGE.

The Committee on Heidelberg College presented the following report, which was adopted:

The first item upon which your committee would report is a petition on the part of the students of Heidelburg College to this Synod, to take immediate measures for the completion of the College building. According to its statements, the institution is suffering greatly in consequence of the unfinished condition of the College building. Many, no doubt, are deterred from attending the institution, while those that are already here are becoming discouraged, and more and more losing confidence in its success. An earnest and well grounded appeal is made to this body to adopt some means by which this obstacle to the growth of our College may be removed.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend that this Synod take some action which might secure the necessary funds for the completion of the building, and that it be carried forward with the least possible delay.

Your committee would further suggest the following plan: That the Board of Trustees secure the services of an efficient agent to solicit subscriptions in various quarters for this purpose, amounting to at least $2000, and that this Synod commend said agent favorably to the church and the community at large.

The second item referred to your committee is that found in the minutes of the Lancaster Classis calling the attention of Synod to the fact that the Board of Trustees has allowed a considerable portion of the endowment fund, which was understood to be a permanent fund, to be used in the payment of the Professor's salaries.—In reference to this item your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Synod that monies subscribed and paid as permanent endowment fund for institutions, should not be used in the payment of the salaries of the Professors, and that the board of trustees be earnestly solicited not to divert the funds of the College from their original intention.

The 3d item is a complaint of the Lancaster Classis that its Trustees to the College Board received no official notice of any of the meetings of the Board. In reference to this item your committee would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod regrets the above omission on the part of the Board or its officers, and request the board hereafter to give due attention to what would seem so plain a requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. LONG, Ch'n.

In reference to the first item in the above report, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College be requested to appoint an efficient agent to solicit contributions to complete the College building, and that the agent be heartily recommended to the co-operation and liberality of the church.

Resolved, That this Synod would cordially approve of the selection of Elder Henry Leonard, of Basil, O., as general agent, if his services can be secured.

An effort was made to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to purchase a bell for the use of the College and Seminary, upon the condition that the students and citizens of Tiffin erect the cupola on the college edifice; whereupon the following sums were subscribed:

Rev. J. Rebaugh $10, D. Winters 10, J. H. Buser 3, S. B. Leiter 5, P. C. Prugh 10, H. Rust 3, G. B. Russell 1, H. J. Rutenick 5, I. H. Reiter 5, I. S. Weisz 10, Geo. W. Williard 5, W. K. Zeiber 10, M. Kieffer 10, Prof. R. Good 5, Prof. J. H. Good 5, S. Mease 1, L. D. Leberman 5, J. B. Thompson 5, J. W. Hamm 5, D. Kemmerer 5, and J. C. Klar 4; Elder J. Bretz 1, B. Kimmel 1, A. Beam 1, J. T. Blain 5, D. Bergstresser 5, F. Hawker 5, J. Ohl 1, J. Prugh 1, J. Reitzell 5, and H. Leonard 5.

On motion the subscriptions were placed in the hands of Rev. M. Kieffer, President of Heidelberg College, to be paid in so soon as evidence is given that the above condition will be complied with by the citizens of Tiffin.

ARTICLE XVI.

MISSIONS.

Report of the Board of Home Missions.

The undersigned, in the name and in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, respectfully submits the subjoined narrative of the condition of the Missionary Stations and the operations of the Board, during the Synodical year just closed.

Mission Stations.

1. German Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio.—This is the oldest Station under the care of the Board. Its feeble beginning and gradual growth, under circumstances in numerous respects unpromising, have made the history of this Mission more than ordinarily interesting. It has been felt that upon its success depended in a great measure all future Missionary efforts among the foreign German population of the West. With heartfelt gratitude to the great head of the Church we are enabled now to announce that it has proven successful. "It affords me much pleasure," writes the Pastor, Rev. H. Rust, in a letter dated April 1st, "to inform you that our congregation is in a prosperous and still improving condition.—

The much desired time is now fast approaching when we shall be able not only to support ourselves, but bring the offerings of a thankful remembrance of what the Church has done for us in our weakness. As an evidence of this, I inform you that we have resolved to relieve the Western Board of further support after the first of May. In the name of the congregation, I return our sincere thanks to your Board, and the Church at large, for its prayers and contributions in our behalf. They will bear a perpetual interest. In a few years hence there will be about a half a dozen ministers in our church that have been gathered in this field. The Lord has made us an instrument in bringing at least some infidels from the error of their ways to the saving knowledge of Christ. Were this all that had been accomplished it would be an incalculable gain. But the Lord has also blessed our labors to the upbuilding of a congregation, which now promises to become as large and as useful as any in the western part of our Reformed Zion."

Darke County, Ohio, Mission.—This station was taken up two years ago last January, and Rev. J. Vogt commissioned to labor there. During this time several congregations have been organized, and the way has been opened to constitute a self-supporting charge. Although this result has not yet been reached, Bro. Vogt resolved not to ask for a renewal of the Board's appropriation for another year, being willing to subject himself to self-denial and sacrifice in order that we might assist other destitute fields.

3. Elkhart County, Ind., Mission.—This field has, at different periods, been under the care of the Board. For several years past it has been in charge of Rev. A. J. Rutan. Believing that a minister able to officiate in the English and German languages would be more successful, Bro. Rutan withdrew from this mission several months since. It yet remains vacant. A man properly qualified for the field would probably need no aid from the Missionary Board.

4. Indianapolis Mission.—No material changes have taken place in this mission since our last annual report. The same hindrances to permanent growth continue to exist as then stated. Our appropriation has been somewhat reduced, with the expectation of not renewing it after the close of the present year.

5. Toledo Mission.—Circumstances of which the Board had no knowledge one year ago, are threatening the existence of this mission. It would appear that the congregation is so deeply involved in debt, contracted in the erection of its house of worship as to be unable to extricate itself. In his last report the present missionary stated that the church edifice would be sold during the present month. Should this be the case the mission will, in all probability, cease to exist.

6. Wells County, Indiana, Mission.—This field continues prospering. Bro. Dechant is now serving five organised congregations and two preaching points. Of course, his labors are abundant.—

e feels much encouraged, and is hopeful of the future. From esent indications this field will need an additional laborer before ng.

7. Mission in Jay and Randolph Counties, Ind.—The three congregations constituting this mission belonged formerly to the so lled Darke county charge. The interests of all the congregations oncerned required a division of the charge. Those lying within e State of Indiana were taken under our care in September last. he appropriation is small, and limited to two years. The expectation is that it will by that time become self-supporting. Rev. J. . Colliflower is the missionary.

8. English Mission at Cincinnati.—In the report of last year statements were made with reference to establishing an English Mission t Cincinnati. Since then Rev. S. Mease was induced to labor there rovisionally, to test what could be accomplished. The encouragement was such as to call for the founding of a second mission. Bro. Mease appealed to us for aid, which unfortunately we could not render im, not having sufficient means at command. We sustained him n part by means of donations made from time to time. Not long ince he received a commssion from the Eastern Board. Its ppropriation is too small to support him. The intention is to rant him additional assistance from our Board. It is believed hat this enterprise will be able to erect a church edifice without sking help from the church at large.

9. Pittsburg, Pa. Mission.—This station is properly under the Eastern Board. The sum of $100,04 was appropriated to it by us, aid amount having been collected and designated for this mission by the Classis of Westmoreland.

10. Mr. P. Roser, a Theological student, intending to apply for license to the Synod now assembled, received a donation of $10, to defray his travelling expenses to and from Hancock county, Ohio. He was seeking a field of labor among the German population there, but found the field pre-occupied by a minister of a sister denomination.

Superintendent of Missions.

By a resolution of last Synod your Board was instructed to appoint a Superintendent of Missions, either in connection with the Eastern Board, or with the Board of Church Extension.—Upon due deliberation it was deemed advisable to appoint said officer independently of the other Boards. Rev. I. H. Reiter, of Miamisburg, Ohio, was selected, with the offer of a yearly salary of $600, out of which he was to defray all his expenses. Not feeling divinely called to that work, Bro. Reiter declined accepting. For various reasons the Board concluded to postpone for a time the election of another. A temporary arrangement was made by appointing Rev. J. Pence as collecting agent. He devoted some time to

the work; but not with the success anticipated. We would respectfully refer this whole matter to the consideration of Synod.

Life Members of the Board.

A beginning has been made in the system of Life membership of the Missionary Board, adopted one year ago. The following persons have been constituted members in this way:

Elder M. Zimmerman, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Mrs. P. C. Prugh, Rev. H. Williard, Rev. D. Kammerer, Rev. W. Conrad, Rev. B. Knepper, Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier, Mr. Charles A. M. Krissinger, Mr. Jacob Kuhns and Father Thomas Winters.

Others have become members in part, the full amount not yet being paid. The Eastern Board designs procuring beautiful and appropriate Certificates of Life-Membership, and will for a small compensation furnish copies of the same to our Board. As soon as these can be obtained they will be distributed to those who are entitled to them.

Financial Condition.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer exhibits a gratifying increase in the contributions of the Church to the cause of Missions. More has been received and more expended by your Board than during any previous year; the amount received, inclusive of the balance on hand from last year, being $836,83; the amount expended, $653,65; leaving a balance of $183,18. True, there is nothing whereof to boast, as the contributions are still largely disproportioned to our ability. Yet we have cause for congratulation in the evidence of growing interest in and liberality towards this great and increasing work of the church. The large surplus remaining would have been disbursed during the year, had not the Board sought to husband its resources to enable it to sustain the English Mission at Cincinnati, from which, as has already been stated, it has lately been relieved by the Eastern Board. As it is, we have a respectable sum wherewith to commence the operations of another year.

New Missions.

As our receipts have increased during a year of more than ordinary pecuniary embarrassment, there is reason to believe that a still larger amount will be received during the year now commencing with such promise. The way seems thus preparing for enlarged operations in the missionary work. No fields of special importance have been brought to the notice of your Board. It may be that Synod can designate points it wishes to be occupied.

In this connection we would call the attention of Synod to a peculiarity in our operations, which occasionally is a source of unpleasantness to the Board, and as a general rule, of doubtful propriety. We allude to applications made by organised charges, established years ago, for missionary aid. There is reason to fear that

uch applications are sometimes made by charges that could by the xercise of more liberality on their part sustain their pastors without aid from abroad. Sometimes, too, assistance is asked with very plain hints of what will be the consequence if it be refused. The Board should not be trammeled by what assumes the appearance of coercion, nor should personal imputations be cast upon its officers for doing what, according to their information and judgment, they deem best.

A Request Repeated.

It is with some reluctance that we make again a request made in the two succeeding reports. The Board still remains so constituted, the members of the executive committee residing at points so widely apart, that all business must be transacted by the slow and inefficient method of correspondence. May we not hope that the Synod will at its present meeting designate by name the place where the Board shall be located, and select from said place, or immediate vicinity, all of the members of the Board elected by it? Our Missionary operations will necessarily be cramped and burdensome to those to whose direction they are entrusted, until this is done.

W. K. ZIEBER,
President of the Board of Missions..

Tiffin, O., May 14, 1856.

Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Board.

DR. J. U. HECKERMAN, *Treasurer*,
In acct. with Domestic Missionary Board, Dr.

Received of the former Treasurer, June 1855,	$135 39
Elder A. Beam,	5 00
M. Zimmerman, Life Membership,	15 00
Rev. P. C. Prugh and J. Bossard each $5, towards constituting Father Thomas Wineers a Life Member,	10 00
The Misses Sophia, Sarah and Emily Hivling, each $5, to constitute Rev. P. C. Prugh a Life Member,	15 00
Rev. W. K. Zieber and Miss A. E. Stemble, each $5, towards constituting Rev. A. J. Rutan a Life Member,	10 90
M. Zimmerman, A. Beam, Rev. D. Winters, J. F. Kitson, Thos. Swander, H. Williard, S. Geisy, Mrs. J. M. Rader, Mrs. D. Rader and Miss A. Herring, each $1, towards constituting Rev. H. Rust a Life Member,	10 00
Mrs. J. M. Rader, Mrs. C. Rader, Mrs. A. Rader, Mrs. D. Rader, Rachael Stemble, Mrs. H. Steel, Emily, Sophia and Sarah Hiv-	

ling, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. M. Basford, Mrs. E. Richeson, Mrs. M. M. Ketterman, each $1, and Mrs. J. Eyler $3, to constitute Rev. H. Williard a Life Member,	16 00
Rev. H. Williard, Geo. W. Williard, Geo. B. Russell, W. K. Zieber, C. P. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, D. Kaemmerer, Elder A. Beam, M. Zimmerman, M. Sharer, each $1, toward constituting Rev. R. R. Salter a Life Member,	10 00
Wm. Rader, G. G. Prugh, J. V. Prugh, D. Rader, Rachel Stemble. S. Crumbaugh, A. Conner, J. Hawkins, Rev. I. H. Reiter, each $1,	9 00
J. Oldfather,	3 00
Cash collection at Xenia,	3 65
Of the German Reformed Congregation, Lawenceburg, Ind.	17 35
Indianapolis Mission,	8 18
Seven Mile Charge, Butler County, O.	10 00
Jacob Kuhn, per Rev. H. Williard, for Life Membership,	15 00
Bascom Congregation, Seneca county, O.	3 06
Mrs. Mary Baughman $5 and Mrs. M. King $1, toward constituting Rev. H. Williard a Life Member,	6 00
The Seneca Congregation, Seneca county, O.	2 44
Sheboygan Classis, per Rev. H. A. Muhlmeir,	10 00
Rev. F. Wahl, Harvest collection in charge,	16 00
Rev. P .C. Prugh $30,74, of which $15 is to constitute Mrs. Prugh a Life Member,	30 74
Rev. I. H. Reiter, collection,	32 00
St. John's Classis,	32 51
Rev. J. Vogt,	7 00
Milton H. Hockman, Woodstock, Va.	1 00
Rev. E. H. Th. Woehler,	7 00
Pittsburg Mission, as per pledge given Xenia, to constitute Rev. D. Kammerer a Life Member,	15 00
Rev. A. J. Rutan. collected in charge,	3 00
Rev. Levi Rike, West Alexandria charge,	15 00
Rev. D. Winters, collected in Hawker's Congregational M. Society,	30 00
A friend of missions in Fort Wayne,	5 00
The Ger. Ref. Sabbath School at Xenia, per Rev.	

P. C. Prugh,	10 00
Joseph Brubaker and Jacob Kuhns each $7,50 to constitute Rev. W. Conrad a Life Member,	15 00
Rev. W. Conrad, C. H. Krissinger and H. Musser, each $5, to constitute Rev. B. Knepper a Life Member,	15 00
Sol. Engle, Josiah Miller, Musser and Shoemaker each $5, to constitute Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier a Life Member,	15 00
Mrs. Krissinger, Dorathea Stoner, each $5, and from Christian Engle, Sarah Gladfelt, Micha Domer, Catharine Carns, A. M. Allfather, each $1, to constitute Charles A. M. Krissinger a Life Member,	15 00
Rev. J. Hoyman and Henry Smith each $2,	4 00
Josiah Miller, Jacob Brandt, J. Fiscus, Rev. Rev. H. Knepper, Rev. B. Knepper, Rev. N. P. Hacke, Peter Sayger, Joseph Gladfelt, Mr. Hoffman, A. Beam, Geo. Fogle, Henry Glessner, Mrs. Conrad, each $1,	13 00
Rev. W. Conrad $1,25, S. Brubaker, 25 cents, Mrs. Camilla Suter 25 cents, miscellaneous 1,69,	4 39
Treasurer of Westmoreland Classis,	18 65
Isaac Ranter $1,50, miscellaneous $3,37, Rev. J. D. Zerring 013, per the hands of Rev. J. D. Zerring, of Bernville, Berks county, Pa.	5 00
Rev. Baumunk, Millville, Butler County, O.	2 05
Henry Scheaf, per Ruhl, Marion, O.	2 00
Dark County Mission, per Rev. J. Vogt.	4 50
The German Reformed Congregation, Poland, Clay county, Indiana, per Rev. G. H. Zumpe,	24 00
Rev. D. Winters, collected in David's Cong.	12 00
Agent, (Rev. J. Pence,)	82 04
Eastern Board of Domestic Missions for Wells County Mission,	30 00
F. W. Dechant, collection,	13 00
The German Reformed Congregation, Lawrenceburg, Indiana,	10 00
1st Mission, Cincinnati,	30 00
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, as per pledge at Xenia Synod, towards constituting Father Th. Winters a Life Member,	5 00
	$836 83

J. U. Heckerman, Treasurer,		Cr.
To cash paid	Rev. A. J. Rutan, per order,	30 00
	Rev. Geo. Long,	34 00
	Rev. J. Vogt,	37 00
	Rev. F. W. Dechant,	10 48
	Rev. H. Eschmeier,	100 00
	Rev. S. Mease,	95 00
	Rev. G. B. Russell,	100 00
	Rev. Colliflower,	25 00
	Rev. H. Rust,	75 00
	Lost in being sent to Rev. H. Eschmeier,	10 00
	Rev. P. C. Prugh, for postage,	1 00
	Rev. W. K. Zieber, travelling expenses,	6 00
	Counterfeit note per the hands of P. C. Prugh,	1 00
	For Draft,	13
	Agent, Rev. J. Pence,	36 04
	For Postage and Registry, by Treasurer,	1 46
	For President's Postage,	1 50
	Rev. Roser,	10 00
		$653 68

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received,	$836 83
Amount paid out,	653 65
Remaining in Treasury,	$183 18

Report of the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report which was adopted:

The documents placed in the hands of your committee were the following:

1. The report of the Board of Missions. From this document it appears that the different missionary points or stations, are, with one exception, in a healthy and prosperous condition. Some of them have become self-supporting, others will soon become so.—One of the stations has already brought "the offering of a grateful remembrance of what the church has done for it in its weakness." And the example thus set will no doubt, in due time, be followed by other stations. This should excite the ministry and membership of our church, to renewed activity and liberality in all our Missionary enterprises, not only to secure and hold what has already been acquired, but also to extend our missionary operations still farther, in order to provide for and supply the spiritual wants of the destitute portions of our Reformed Zion, as speedily as possible, and

now seems to be the proper time for prompt and efficient action in this direction, as the Treasury of the Board has a considerable surplus wherewith to commence the operations of another year.

The report also remarks that no fields of special importance have been brought to the notice of the Board, and that it may be, that Synod can designate points which it wishes to be occupied.—And the attention of Synod is called to a peculiarity in their operations which is a source of unpleasantness, viz: applications made by organized charges, established years ago, for *missionary* aid.

The Board deemed it advisable to appoint a Superintendent of Missions independent of the other Boards, mentioned in the resolution of last Synod, but the individual elected declined accepting the appointment. Various reasons induced the Board to postpone the election of another. A temporary arrangement was made by appointing a collecting agent, which, however, did not prove so successful as anticipated. The Board now refers the whole matter to the consideration of Synod.

The Board also repeats the request formerly made, namely, that Synod may designate by name the place where the Board shall be located, and select from said place and vicinity all the members of the Board elected by it. This will enable the Board to act more promptly and efficiently.

2. The second document is the report of the Treasurer, from which it appears that the receipts during the past year were $836,83; expenditures $653,65, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $183,18, The increase of the past year, in comparison with that of former years, is encouraging, and leads to the hope of a larger increase in the future, especially since the introduction of life memberships in the Board of Domestic Missions, which seems to find favor, both with the ministry and membership of the church.

3. The third document is a communication from the Benton, Elkhart county Mission, in which the attention of Synod is respectfully called to the wants of our Church in that place, and earnestly and urgently requests that they be supplied by a minister who can preach in the English and German languages.

No documents of any kind were received from the Board of Church Extension.

In view of the foregoing, your committee respectfully offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of your committee no *missionary* aid should be given to charges established years ago, except in extraordinary cases.

2. *Resolved*, That the request of the petitioners from Elkhart station be referred to the Board of Missions.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to procure appropriate certificates of life membership, as soon as practicable, either independently or in connection with the Eastern Board.

4. *Resolved*, That the whole subject of a Superintendent of Missions be left to the judgment and decision of the Board.

5. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be constituted a Board of Church Extension.

6. *Resolved*, That the old Board of Church Extension transmit unto the Board of Missions, as the present Board of Church Extension, all documents, notes, papers, &c., relating to the matter, that may be in their possession.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER, Ch'n.

ARTICLE IX.

(This and the following article should have followed in regular succession, on page 15, but were overlooked at the time by the compositor.)

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

1. *Calls from vacant Congregations to Ministers.*

None.

2. *Petitions and Communications.*

No. 1 is a request from Mr. J. M. Lefever, Licentiate of Miami Classis to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the present meeting of Synod.

No 2 is a letter from Rev. J. G. Zahner, containing the following items:

a Report on the translation of minutes of Synod, in which he offers to translate and publish the minutes of this year at 10 cents per copy, provided the different classes will order at least 400 copies.

b Report of his attendance as delegate to the Evangelical Association of Ohio.

c The action of the Evangelical Association on the complaint of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio.

No. 3 is a letter from J. F. Kitson and J. S. Bushong, prese Synod the wants of the Church in Elkhart County, Ind.

No. 4 is a letter from Prof. E. V. Gerhart, calling the attention of Synod to the state of his account with the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. A. Wanner, directing the attention of Synod to the sum of interest due him on a mortgage which he holds on the property purchased by Synod from Rev. E. V. Gerhart, requesting Synod to take measures for its immediate payment.

3. *Appeals and Complaints.*

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. C. Kuss, containing the following items:

a Informing Synod that the difficulty between Indiana Classis and himself is still unsettled.

b Asking Synod whether Indiana Classis is not in duty bound to leave his name on her statistical table until the difficulty has been investigated.

c Informing Synod that Tiffin Classis will this year certainly leave his name out of her list of ministers, and that then he will stand as not belonging to the German Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. RUST, Chairman.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

1. Was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh, Wm. Conrad, D. Winters, Elders A. Beam, and C. Meyers. This committee subsequently reported, recommending a reference of the application to the Miami Classis, as being more in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, which report was adopted.

2. *a* Referred to the committee on Publication.

b The report of the delegate was received and adopted, and referred to the committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches.

c The action of the Evangelical Verein was referred to the same committee with the above.

3. The letter was referred to the committee on Missions.

4. The letter was referred to the committee on Theological Seminary.

5. Referred to the same committee.

Appeals and Complaints.

1. The letter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. Conrad, D. Winters, J. Rebaugh, H. F. Hartman; Elders H. Fenneman and F. Hawker. This commitee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee on Appeals and Complaints beg leave to report as follws:

The only document placed in the hands of your committee was a communication from Rev. C. Kuss, addressed to this Synod, dated May 15, 1856, in which he states:

1. That difficulties have arisen between the Indiana Classis and himself, and as yet these difficulties have not been settled, but that

Indiana Classis has omitted his name in its statistical report, and that he finds his name in the Tiffin Classis.

2. That as he has received no dismission from the Indiana Classis, he would ask this Synod, whether the Indiana Classis is not bound to leave his name stand on their list, until the difficulties be investigated.

3. That in case Tiffin Classis should omit his name this year in her statistical report, he would then stand as not belonging to the German Reformed Synod.

Finally, he remarks, that he had prepared his papers for Indiana Classis at the proper time, but having to make a journey, this letter, by an oversight on the part of him to whom it was entrusted, was laid over.

The whole difficulty, he adds, springs from reports made either by *ignorance* or *malice*.

Inasmuch as there is no regular appeal before this Synod, the committee look upon the whole matter as advisory, and would therefore present the following opinions.

1. That Indiana Classis erred in dropping the name of Rev. C. Kuss from their list without first adjusting the difficulty, according to the advice of last Synod.

2. That Tiffin Classis also erred in placing his name upon their minutes as a member, without a regular dismission from Indiana Classis.

Your committee would therefore recommend to this Synod to advise Tiffin Classis to drop his name, and Indiana Classis to place it upon their statistical table, and advise a constitutional adjustment of existing difficulties between the Indiana Classis and Rev. C. Kuss.

Respectfully submitted,

W. CONRAD, Ch'n.

The report of the committee was adopted as above.

ARTICLE X.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, to whom were referred the communications of Rev. J. G. Zahner and the Evangelical "Kirchen Verein" of Ohio, beg leave to report:

1. That the Rev. J. G. Zahner, as delegate of this Synod to the Evangelical Verein of Ohio, attended the meeting of said body in September last, at Canal Dover, Ohio, was cordially received, and treated as a corresponding brother by all the members present.

2. That the difficulties in the way of a continuation of the correspondence between the bodies were carefully considered, very

much regretted, and acted upon in such a manner, as (it is to be hoped,) by the exercise of a little forbearance on the part of this Synod, will result in their entire and immediate removal.

3. That it is the ardent desire of the Verein to have the friendly correspondence between the two bodies continue, in which the delegate to that body concurs.

4. That Rev. J. G. Abele was appointed a delegate to this Synod by the Evangelical Verein.

In view of the fact that there is a strong probability that the Verein of Ohio will soon be merged into the "Western Verein," in which case the present correspondence must necessarily cease, and since good results for the future may possibly flow from our friendly relations with said body, your committee would recommend that the correspondence between this Synod and the Evangelical Kirchen Verein be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ, Chairman.

The above report was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XVII.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod and referred to the committee on Finance.

I. S. WEISZ, *Treasurer*,

1855	In acct with Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States,	Dr.
June 1.	To balance in Treasury,	$ 2 36
" 26.	Loan as per order of Synod,'	110 00
Oct. 15.	Cash from Miami Classis, (in part,)	15 00
19.	" " Lancaster "	13 50
24.	" " St. John's "	29 00
Nov. 2.	Apportionment from Illinois Classis, 1855 & '56,	11 00
8.	" " St. John's "	3 00
Mar 14.	Loan as per order of Synod,	110 00
Apr 25.	Sheboygan Classis,	5 00
		$299 00

1855		Cr.
June 29.	By cash paid Sexton at Xenia,	$ 500
July 2.	" " J. T. Blain,	103 00
" "	" " on 4 letters,	12
Oct. 15.	" " Rev. G. W. Williard, min. 1855, in part,	15 00
Nov. 9.	" " paper and postage,	13
16.	" " Rev. G. W. Williard, Stated Clerk, 1854 & '55,	50 00
1856	" " on min. for '55 in full,	5 00

Mar. 13.	By cash paid Benj. Zwanger on loan in full,	100	00
"	" " interest on same 8½ months 7 ⅜ c.	5	44
"	" " paper and postage,		34
May 16.	Balance paid to Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer,	5	58
		$299	61

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEIZ, Treasurer.

The committe on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Finance respectfully report: That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, from which it appears that he received during the year the sum of $299,61, and paid out the sum of $294,02, leaving a balance of $5,58 in the Treasury. The Treasurer also reports that Sandusky Classis is in arrearages for three years, Tiffin for two years, Miami in part for one, Indiana for two, and St. Joseph for one, to which fact special attention is called.

Your committee is not able to ascertain the exact indebtedness of Synod from the report of the Treasurer, but would recommend that all old or backstanding claims be presented; and a committee appointed to make an apportionment among the different classes of what is still due, after deducting what is due from the above delinquent classes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. REED, Ch'n.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of Synod's indebtedness be referred to the Treasurer, with the request that he make out and report to the different classes their indebtedness, collect the same, and report the result at our next meeting.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

The committee on Publication to which was referred the report of the Board of Publication and other documents pertaining to this subject, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed on Publication would beg leave to submit the following report:

It appears from the report of the Board of Publication, that the "Western Missionary" has been regularly published during the last synodical year, under the previous arrangement; and from the favorable reception it has met with, it may be safely concluded that it is accomplishing a good work in its designed sphere, and merits

the renewed and continued patronage and co-operation of the Church generally. Its publication, in consequence of the unavoidable removal of the editor, was transferred from Columbus to Dayton. during last November, without, however, increasing expenses under any form or impairing its general character or usefulness.

The system of paying in *advance* on subscription is strongly recommended as the best means to guard against losses and to prevent all pecuniary embarrassments, as well as to encourage the editor in his arduous and valuable labors through its columns to the Church. Strict attention to this recommendation is regarded of the highest importance, and all concerned are affectionately admonished to lay the matter at heart in such a way that their actions in the future may bring about the most beneficial and happy results.

While it is generally admitted that the "Western Missionary" has already done much to give shape, character and permanency to our Church and Institutions in the West, there should be no effort wanting to give it a more extensive circulation, and thus increase its usefulness and influence. Its circulation ought to be increased at least one-third. This can be undoubtedly accomplished by a united effort and by "provoking to the good work" of increasing the subscription list. Thus the much desired period will be hastened when the Church will be greeted with a weekly publication.

The action and request of St. Joseph Classis, respecting the course of the editor of the "Western Missionary" on the subject of the election of a Professor of Theology, have been duly considered by your committee, and they find no cause for such complaint or regret.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend on this whole subject the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod fully approve and sustain the course of the editor of the "Western Missionary," and regard his services to the Church of great value.

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the "Western Missionary" has already proved itself an agent of much good to the Church, we will use all honorable means to enlarge its circulation.

Resolved, That all our ministers be affectionately requested to contribute or aid in filling its columns with original matter.

Resolved, That untiring efforts be put forth by the Church to make it a publication of increased efficiency and usefulness.

Respecting the letter of Rev. J. G. Zahner, in which he request Synod to grant him permission to translate and publish the minute of Synod in the German language, your committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request in said letter be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, Ch'n.

ARTICLE XIX.

ELECTIONS.

The committee on nominations presented their report according to the requirements of the Standing Rules. The report was received and adopted, whereupon the following persons were elected:

1. *Delegate to Eastern Synod.*

Rev. P. C. Prugh, *Primarius.* Rev. M. Stern, *Secundus.*

2. *Delegate to the Evangelical Verein.*

Rev. J. G. Zahner, *Primarius.* Rev. H. J. Rutenick, *Secundus.*

3. *Trustees of Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. Winters, Jos. H. Dryden,
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, Thomas Shaffer,
Rev. P. C. Prugh, G. G. Prugh,
J. T. Blain.

4. *Board of Missions.*

Rev. W. K. Zieber, Conrad Meyers,
Rev. M. Keiffer, Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
Rev. Prof. R. Good.

5. *Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

J. W. Wilson, Capt. J. Poorman,
Dr. J. U. Heckerman, Rev. W. K. Zieber,
Rev. R. Andrews, Rev. J. Peelan.

Members Elected by the different Classes as far as reported.

Rev. Geo. B. Russell, Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier,
Rev. L. D. Leberman, Rev. Geo. Long,
Moses Shearer, J. T. Blain,
Rev. I. S. Weiss.

6. *Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. Prof. R. Good, Rev. M. Stern,
Rev. Prof. H. J. Rutenick, Conrad Meyers,
Dr. J. U. Heckerman.

7. *Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. M. Stern, Capt. J. Poorman,
Conrad Meyers. Dr. J. U. Heckerman,
Rev. J. J. Escher.

8. *Board of Publication.*

Rev. D. Winters, Rev. I. H. Reiter,
Rev. T. H. Winters, Rev. Levi Rike,
B. C. Taylor.

ARTICLE XX.

EDUCATION.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer*,

In acct with Board Education of the Synod of Ohio of G. R. C.

1855.					Dr.
June 1.	To balance received at settlement,				$ 6 59
"	Cash received from			Rev. L. D. Leberman, col.	10 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. H. F. Hartman,	6 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. C. Weiler,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. G. B. Russel,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. P. C. Prugh,	16 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. G. Ruhl,	5 00
27.	"	"	"	Rev. Levi Rike,	10 00
Aug. 10.	"	"	"	Rev. Limberg,	4 00
24.	"	"	"	Rev. F. Wise,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. Klingler,	4 00
Sept. 18.	"	"	"	Rev. J. G. Ruhl,	5 00
27.	"	"	"	Rev. P. Herbruch,	5 00
Nov. 14.	"	"	"	Rev. L. Schwatz,	1 00
15.	"	"	"	Returned by Library Fund;	15 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. D. Kammerer, col.	10 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Klein,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. W. Conrad,	10 00
Dec. 5.	"	"	"	Rev. M. G. I. Steem,	6 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. Henry Williard,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Jacob Kuhn, contribution,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. C. Klar, col.	4 00
Nov. 30.	"	"	"	Rev. Peter Herbruck,	5 00
Dec. 14.	"	"	"	Rev. S. B. Leiter,	10 00
21.	"	"	"	Rev. F. Wahl,	6 00
[illegible]	"	"	"	C. Good and R. Althouse, con.	1 00
[illegible]	"	"	"	A. Henshew from Clar. Clas.	20 00
30	"	"	"	Rev. G. B. Russell from W. E. Schmertz,	10 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. G. B. Russell from C. H. Wolff,	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. G. B. Russell from G. B. R.	2 00

1856.					Cr.
Jan. 4.	Cash	received	from	Rev. D. Winters, con.	5 00
7.	"	"	"	Rev. D. Kammerer, col.	11 30
10.	"	"	"	Geo. Leiby, con.	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. Long, col.	5 00
15.	"	"	"	Rev. G. Ziegler,	7 00
19.	"	"	"	A friend of Missions in Fort Wayne,	5 00
"	"	"	"	Geo. Rettig, con.	1 00
30.	"	"	"	Rev. P. J. Spangler, col.	5 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. Klingler,	5 00
31.	"	"	"	Rev. J. G. Zahner,	18 00
Feb. 2.	"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Klein,	13 00
4.	"	"	"	Rev. N. P. Hacke,	10 13
9.	"	"	"	Clarion Classis, per A. Henshaw,	20 00
Mar. 3.	"	"	"	Rev. Dr. J. Bossard, col.	14 00
5.	"	"	"	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier,	6 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Good,	5 52
17.	"	"	"	Rev. W. Conrad,	2 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. C. F. Hoffmeier,	2 00
30.	"	"	"	John Riener,	5 00
17.	"	"	"	Amt. borrowed from Bank,	50 00
Apr. 12.	"	"	"	Rev. F. Bowman, col.	5 00
15.	"	"	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter,	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. H. A. Winter,	4 00
"	"	"	"	G. H. Zumpe,	17 00
9.	"	"	"	Rev. M. G. L. Stern,	4 00
					$422 74

Contra.		Cr.
May 15.	By cash paid eight students,	$415 15
9.	" " Rev. Rutenick, postage,	2 20
Mar. 17.	Interest paid bank,	1 00
		$417 35
May 15.	Balance in the Treasury,	5 34

The Treasurer also holds in his possession the Legacy of John Baer, consisting of promissory notes, amounting to $260, and $65 in cash.

R. GOOD, [illegible].

Tiffin, May 15, 1856.

The committee to which was referred the documents on the subject of Beneficiary Education, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Beneficiary Education report respectfully:—hat they have examined the report of the Treasurer of the Edu-tion Board and find the same correctly kept. It appears more-er that the Board has been very efficient, exerting themselves to romote the object of their appointment. Their calls for aid have so been promptly responded to by a part of the Church, and it is orthy of note that our German Churches have been in the ad-ance in this noble enterprise.

It is mournful to state, as we are compelled to do, that the mount of funds collected during the present year falls short of hat of the previous year, and that consequently the Board has een greatly embarrassed in their operations. And that they have een put to the necessity, in order to prevent the most disastrous esults, to borrow money at the bank, which must be paid immedi-ately, and they have notwithstanding been in arrears to those stu-lents who have been receiving aid from the Board, and also nable to extend aid to others who should have been assisted. Such eems to be the state of the case, that the Board should have at least one hundred dollars immediately to relieve them of their pressing distress.

Your committee are of opinion that these mournful facts, carry-ing with them, as they do, such disastrous results, are based main-ly on the want of a general movement of all the Churches in this matter. While many of the churches have done nobly, there are many also that have done nothing at all.

Your committee would suggest the adoption of the following res-olutions:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly request all our ministers to present the cause of Beneficiary Education to all their Churches once a year, soliciting donations or collections for this object.

Resolved, That an effort be made upon the floor of this Synod to raise funds (fifty dollars) for the immediate use of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

D. KROH, Ch'n.

In view of the embarrassment of the Board, an effort was made according to the second resolution in the above report, whereupon the following sums were subscribed to the cause of Beneficiary Ed-ucation:

Rev. [illegible]. Keiffer $10, Rev. J. H. Buser $5, Rev. Prof. H. J. Rutenick 10, Rev. Wm. Conrad $5, Rev. J. W. Hamm 12, Rev. D. Kroh 10, Rev. S. Leiter $10, Rev. J. H. Klein $20, Rev. P. C. Prugh $5, Rev. I. H. Reiter $5, Rev. I. S. Weiss $25, Rev. J. H. Good $10, Rev. W. K. Zieber $5, Rev. Geo. Long $5, Elder A. Schneider

$1, Jesse Prugh $5, A. Beam $1, S. Kreidler $1, Rev. J. Klingl $1.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Change of the Standing Rules.

The standing rule No. 17 was amended by the following add tion.

It shall also be the duty of the Board to decide upon all appl eations on the part of students desiring to enter the Seminary, an to take such action on the recommendations of the Professor wit respect to students desiring to apply for license as they may deem best.

It was also further resolved in connection with this subject, tha the Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary be the Board o Education.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer purchase a blank book for the purpose of recording the names of candidates for the ministry who are required to sign the Constitutional formula.

The former Secretary was requested to hand over to the present Stated Clerk all the papers and documents of Synod now in his possession.

Church Property in Sandusky City.

Statements having been made before Synod respecting our church property in Sandusky City, the matter was, on motion, referred to the Tiffin Classis.

Names of the Trustees of College to be Published.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to publish in the minutes of Synod, the names of the Trustees of Heidelberg College, elected by the different classes along with those elected by the Synod.

A Seal for Synod.

The stated Clerk was instructed to secure a suitable seal for the use of the Synod, the price of which, however, is not to exceed $8.

Statistical Reports.

The Stated Clerks of the different Classes not having furnished

Synod with a statistical report or table, were requested to supply the Stated Clerk of Synod with a report at the earliest possible period, so as to have them incorporated in the published minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk draw an order on the Treasurer to the sum of $5 in favor of the Sexton, for services rendered during the session of Synod.

Revision of the Standing Rules of Synod.

Inasmuch as there is now considerable difficulty in finding Synod's Standing Rules, scattered as they are over different year's minutes, and existing in fragmentary amendments. therefore.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise and codify the Standing Rules, as now in force in this Synod, and report at the next annual meeting of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, so as to have them in a collected form.

Rev. G. B. Russell and Geo. W. Williard were appointed said committee.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to publish the minutes of Synod in their usual pamphlet form.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the members of the German Reformed Church and citizens of Tiffin, for the kindness and hospitality they have extended to us during our stay in their midst, and that the *Pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution to his people.

ARTICLE XXII.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet in General Convention in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, on the third Wednesday in May, 1857, in the evening at 8 o'clock.

The minutes were read, and approved by Synod. The roll being called, all the members were found present except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday night at about 10 o'clock, and was dismissed with Prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

L. D. LEBERMAN, President.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the orignal minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, Stated Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers Names.	No Congreg's.	Congregations or Charges.	Members not Confirmed.	Confirmed Members.	Communicant Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sun'ay Schools	Amount collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
D. Winters	4	Mt Zion, Hawkers, Zion & David Cem'g	....	365	345	31	30	....	8	4	3	$30 00	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters	2	Highland & Caesar's Creek Charges	....	193	191	22	13	....	1	....	2	12 00	Xenia, Ohio.
J. Richards	5	Union Charge	....	406	370	32	60	....	20	2	4	10 00	St. Paris, O.
P. C Prugh	2	Xenia & Beaver Congregations	150	154	151	9	2	3	3	1	1	120 72	Xenia, Ohio.
J. Vogt	1	Darke county Mission	100	24	24	5	2	6	....	....	1	19 32	Matchetts, O.
H. K Baines	4	Fairfield charge	....	228	238	13	33	....	21	14	2	75 38	Fairfield, Ohio.
H. Rust	1	Cincinnati	....	216	180	42	11	57	25	24	3	88 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. Kercher	1	Germantown charge	147	212	163	44	6	....	3	16	2	5 00	Lacon, Illinois.
R. P. Thomas	..	Without a charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Findley, Ohio.
I. Bike	3	West Alexandria charge	....	175	170	14	4	3	....	10	1	36 75	West Alexandria, O.
A. Stump	4	Port Jefferson charge	....	190	190	30	57	8	3	8	4	36 39	Pratt, Shelby co. O.
J. Baumunk	1	Millville	....	70	52	10	....	....	....	2	1	19 60	Poland, Clay co. Ind.
J. Dahlman	1	Brown county	50	56	37	4	4	....	....	4	1	4 87	Arheim, Brown co. O.
C. Becker	1	German Church, Dayton	....	90	80	7	5	....	....	....	1	....	Dayton, Ohio.
J. M. Lefever	4	Darke county charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	N. Clayton, O.
G. W. Williard	2	Dayton and Mount Carmel	....	90	80	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	Dayton, Ohio.
I. H. Reiter	4	Miamisburg charge	....	243	230	21	36	8	....	12	3	112 70	Miamisburg, Ohio.
J. McConnel	3	Jonesborough charge	....	62	62	18	2	....	....	....	1	....	Jonesboro, Union co. Ill.
Vacant	3	Seven Mile	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	
J. Stoneberger	..	Missouri	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Patton, Bollinger co. Mo
P. H. Kroh	..	California	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Springfield, California.
S Meese	..	Missionary Cincinnati 2nd church	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Cincinnati, O.
H. Kroh	..	California	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Stockton. California.
J. E Freygang	1	German Church, Xenia	....	64	64	12	5	32	....	1	....	....	Xenia, Ohio.
Wm. Ellers		Missionary, Dayton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Dayton, Ohio.

Ministers.	No Congrs.	Names of Congregations.	Baptized Members.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Communican's	Deaths.	Sund'y Schools	Post Office Address.
Geo. Weiss	2	Michaels and Jacobs	....	....	17	....	77	2	....	Lancaster, Fairfield, Ohio.
L. Cort	4	Columbus, &c	80	85	6	33	80	5	4	Columbus, Ohio.
I. S. Weisz	4	Lithopolis	234	280	39	12	219	20	2	Lithopolis, Fairfield co. Ohio.
J. Weaver	2	Jerusalem and Zwingle	....	75	7	7	67	....	1	Bremen, Fairfield co. Ohio.
J. H. Buser	3	Kinnickkinnick Swamp	....	100	2	5	90	1	1	Chillicothe, Ross co. Ohio.
J. B. Thompson	4	Tarlton, &c	160	175	....	....	155	....	1	Tarlton, Pickaway co. Ohio.
H. King	4	Somerset &c	....	194	....	....	167	....	2	Somerset, Perry co. Ohio.
J. C. Henneman	3	Columbus	....	170	....	....	108	....	....	Columbus, O.
M. G. I. Stern	2	Delaware	....	140	....	....	....	....	....	Delaware, O.
P. D. Schery	3		....	100	....	....	....	....	....	Lancaster, O.
Basil	2		....	120	....	....	....	....	....	

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's	Name of Charge.	Baptised Members.	Confirmed Members.	Com. or Reg. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received by Certificate.	No. Dismissed.	No. of Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Amount collected for Church Benevolence.	Post Office Addresses.
H. E F. Voigt	9	Mt. Pleasant	....	423	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
N. P. Hacke	5	Greensburg, (Ger)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Greensburg, Pa.
W Conrad	3	Berlin	....	220	180	31	....	....	3	8	3	$27 00	Berlin, Pa.
Benj. Knepper	8	Wellersbury	....	234	192	48	13	....	....	6	4	....	Ogle Station, Ill.
C. F. Hoffmier	6	Somerset	....	300	300	38	8	....	....	8	3	25 00	Charlesville, Pa.
Jno. Hoyman	5	Shade	....	200	192	25	11	2	8	5	3	10 00	Stoystown, Pa.
Thomas G, Apple	4	Greensburg, (Eng)	....	220	200	32	16	....	....	8	4	23 00	Greensburg, Pa.
Vacant	4	Grantsville	....	101	101	5	....	....	....	....	3	....	Grantsville, Md.
G. B. Russell	1	Calvary Church	40	48	45	5	19	6	1	1	1	62 00	Pittsburg, Pa.
H. Knepper	..	Without Charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	—— Ill.
William Weinel	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Leechburg, Pa.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS

Ministers.	Name of Charge.	Members.	Communicants	Confirmed Members.	Baptised Members.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Amount con to Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
Dr. J. Bossard	Emanuels, &c	228	115	....	....	5	1		
T. Kluge	Ebenezer charge	162	86	6	....	1	....	Whole	Sheboygan, Wis.
A. Muhlmeir	Sheboygan	60	47	14	12	1	1	Amount	Newtonsburg, Wis.
A. Winter	Missionfield	150	100	7	22	2	2	$118 00	Sheboygan, Wis.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's.	Number of Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Deaths.	Received by Letter.	Excommun'ed	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	Dismissed.	Post Office Addresss.
S. R. Leiter	4	163	163	25	30	2	5	3	2	$33 91	3	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
J. Hines	2	50	50	8	8	5			2		2	Nankin, Ashland county, Ohio.
J. Richards	5	290	290	55	94	13	2		5	30 00	4	St. Paris, Champaign county, Ohio.
H. Shaull	1	30	28	9	4	1	12		1	9 40	8	Piqua, Ohio.
P. J. Spangler	5	247	305	62	73	5			2	29 00	23	Nimisilla, Summit county, Ohio.
D. G. Phillips	2	111	90	19	39	2	1		3	15 05		Ashland, Ashland county, Ohio.
Vacant	4	95	60	7						7 00	1	Savannah charge.
J. J. Excell	4	97	80	2	2				2	58 00		Reedsburg, Wayne county, Ohio.
H. Williard	2	48	48	11	9	1	4		2	35 00	2	Shelby, Richland county, Ohio.
C. Zwisler	2	107	107	31		2						Congress, Wayne county, Ohio.
C. H. Reiter	3	180	116	31	20	5	4		2	34 00	7	Carrolton, Carroll county, Ohio.
J. C. Klar												Republic, Seneca county, Ohio.
L. Follett												Louisville, Stark county, Ohio.
H. Drukenmiller												Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.
L. C. Edmonds	2	58										Akron, Summit county, Ohio.
Osnaburg	2											Osnaburg, Stark county, Ohio.
L. A. Brunner												Massillon, Stark county, Ohio.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congre's	Name of Charge.	Mem. Baptis'd	Mem. Conf'd.	Mem. Com.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec by Lett'r	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sund. School.	Amount collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Address.
F. Rahauser		Superannuated											Havannah, Ill.
R. Good	1	Professor Heidelberg College		54	40	5	9	5			1		Tiffin, Ohio.
		Zion's											
J. H. Good	3	Professor Heidelberg College	210	95	90	41		2	2	17	1		Tiffin, Ohio.
		2d Tiffin, St. Jacob											
S. S. Rickley													Columbus, Ohio.
M. Stern	4	Bucyrus		345	345	42	23	30	12	6	2		Gallion, Ohio.
H. J. Rutenick	3	Professor Heidelberg College		90	80	7		9		2	1		Tiffin, Ohio.
		Berwick											
J. Klingler	4	Allen County		135	142	12	1	1		5	1	$4 00	Hog Creek, Allen co. O.
J. J. Brecht	3	Wyandotte		44	70	7				8		3 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
J. C. Schwartz	2	Vermillion		105	65	20	8			7			Vermillion, Erie co O.
J. H. Klein	4	Fremont		160	152	32	2			10	1	5 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Wm. K. Zieber	1	1st Tiffin		218	218	13	14	30	8	10	1	30 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
H. Eschmayer	1	Toledo Mission		31									Toledo, Ohio.
H. Bentz	2	Fort Wayne											Lancaster, Pa.
J. C. Klar	3	Thompson											Republic, Seneca co. O.
Vacant	1	McCutcheonville											

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's.	Name of Charge.	Baptised Members	Confirmed Members	Communica'ts	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sand'y Schools.	Amount collected for Church Benevolence	Post Office Address.
Geo. Long	1	1st G. R. Church, Indianapolis	38	82	74	8	....	4	4	11	1	18 00	Indianapolis, Ia.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland	....	103	148	17	....	3	....	2	1	17 00	Poland, Ia.
C. Pluess	1	Lawrenceburg, Ind	....	73	78	21	3	8	5	4	1	17 00	Lawrenceburg, Ia.
J. Bleatchen	2	Linton	....	57	57	10	....	....	....	3	1	.....	Linton, Ia.
A. Toenameyer	1	Louisville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Louisville, Ky.
A. Carroll	1	Bloomfield, Ia	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	1	1	.....	Bloomfield, Ia.
J. D. Colliflower	3	Boundary City, Ia	56	75	70	10	7	7	....	2	2	3 00	Boundary City, Ia.
C. Kuss		No. Report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Sandusky City, Ohio.

ST. JOSEPHS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congreg's.	Name of Charge.	No Members.	Communica'ts	Confirmed Members.	Received by Letter.	Adults Baptised.	Infant Baptisms.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Address.
T. Winters		Superanuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	West Alexandria, O.
R. R. Salter	1	Neriah	76	76	11	2	5	22	3	....	1	.....	Laselle, Mich.
A. J. Rutan	3	Liberty	102	102	1	1	....	....	....	....	2	.....	Syracuse, Iowa.
W. Wasnick	6	Brush creek	162	162	18	....	....	34	1	....	2	.....	Pulaski, Ohio.
E. Spangler	3	Lafayette	80	80	8	....	4	....	4	3	....	.....	Panama, Ohio.
J. G. Kissell	6	Fairfield	306	220	44	....	7	59	7	....	....	.....	Auburn, Ind.
W. M. Reed	1	Colon	44	44	....	2	3	2	....	....	2	.....	Colon, Mich.
J. H. Klein	1	Fort Wayne	118	118	8	....	....	6	2	....	1	$75 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congre'ns	Name of Charge.	Members.	Communicants	Confirmed Members.	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Amount con.'d to Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
Daniel Kroh	3	Cedarville	89	89				2	2	6 20	Cedarville, Ill.
J. P. Decker	2	Lashell	26	26					2		Freeport, Ill.
F. C. Bauman	3	Harmony	60	60				2	1	10 99	Zwingle, Dubuque co. Iowa.
Geo. Weber	3	Orangeville	35	35	2	12		1	2	3 60	Orangeville, Ill.
J. U. Zurcher											Asbury, La Salle co. Ill.

CLARION CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No Congreg's.	Names of Congregations.	Members.	Communican's	In. Baptisms.	Ad. Baptisms.	Confirmations	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sund'y Schools	No. con. Mem	No. Minutes.	Post Office Address.
D. B. Ernst	4	Saegertown,	380	308	27		30		8	2		45	Saegertown, Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	3	Petersburg								2		30	Lamartine, Pa.
H F. Hartman	5	Butler	400	340	25	1	30		5	3	400	50	Baldwin, Pa.
Fred. Wise	5	Armstrong	225	300	29		10	1	4	3	320	45	South Bend, Pa.
F. Wahl	5	Greenville		250	25		27		9	2		30	W. Greenville, Pa.
O. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg	225	295	62		34		9	3		40	Luthersburg, Pa.
J. G. Shoemaker	5	Reinersburg	220	225	27		16	6	5	3	310	45	Limestone, Pa.
S. Scheel	2	Tylersburg Mission,										15	Tyonesta, Pa.
Vacant	6	Redbank	680	413	79		34	19	11	4	510	45	

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Congrs.	Name of Charge.	Mem. Baptis'd	Mem. Conf'd.	Mem. Com.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec. by Lett'r	Dismissions.	Deaths	Sund. School.	Amount collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Address.
J. P. Mahnenschmidt	4	Berlin, etc.											Frederick, Mahoning co. O.
J. G. Ruhl	5				219	33	18			20	2	$19 67	Marion, Ohio
J. D. Geckenheimer	5	St. Paul's, etc.		252	252	13	11			4			Wiltshire, Vanwert co. O.
P. Herbrook	6	Canton, etc.			687	110	86			64	2	13 42	Canton, Stark co. O.
R. Kaler	2	Mount Eaton, etc.			448	16	13			11	2		Mt. Eaton, Wayne co. O.
J. F. Englebach	5	Lima, etc.			325	19	21			12	2		Lima, Mahoning co. O.
J. G. Zahner	5	Shanesville, etc.		399	310	37	46			25	3	45 00	Shanesville, Tuscarawas co. O.
J. Ackeret	4	Mount Eaton, etc.			194	42	9			12	2	2 50	Mt. Eaton, Wayne co. O.
D. Kammerer	6	Wooster, etc.			355	71	20			16	3	11 58	Wooster, Wayne co. O.
J. B. Ruhl	5	Jackson, etc.			210	16	30			15	3	7 68	Eden, Trumbull co. O.
Geo. Rettig	5				199	14				10		3 00	Buena Vista Tuscarawas co. O
A. Wanner	3	Washingtonville, etc.	180	200	130	10	9	3	12	2	3	20 00	Washingtonville, Colum'a co.
J. W. Hamm	8	Manchester, etc.			588	77	45	5		32	2	16 09	Nimisilla, Summit co. O.
G. Weaver	5	St. Paul's, etc.			191	27				19		5 12	Hartville, Stark co. O.
C. Weiler	5	Zion's, etc.			415	49	20			12			New Winchester, Crawford co
S. K. Denius	4	Evanscreek, etc.			65								Germantown, O
P. Becker	6	St. Peter's, etc.			125								Columbiana, Withly co. Ia.
C. Leinkaemper	3	Calcutta, etc.			100								Calcutta, Columbiana co. O.
C. Bank		Licentiate, no Report											
G. Ziegler	8	St. Peter's, etc.			450								N Georgetown Columbiana co
E. H. T. Woehler	6	Homer, etc.			130								Albion, Ashland co. O.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Name of Classis.	No. Ministers.	No. Congregations.	No. Baptised Members not Confirmed.	No. Members all who have been Confirmed	No. Communicants or Regular Members.	No. Baptisms in a year.	No. Confirmations.	No. Received by Certificate	No. Dismissed	No. Deaths.	No. Sunday Schools.	Amount Contributed.
Miami	23	50	477	4248	2587	316	270	86	84	98	31	$543 92
Lancaster	10	32	474	1439	963	71	30	....	....	28	11	.....
Westmoreland	10	45	1355	2523	2204	116	67	8	19	35	31	176 00
Sandusky	14	36	1476	....	1137	260	279	24	30	36	24	251 37
Tiffin	14	32	210	1277	1202	109	57	77	29	66	8	42 00
Clarion	8	39	.....	2130	131	274	181	..	26	51	22	3 00
St. Joseph's	8	21	....	888	609	129	90	1	3	17	8	75 00
Indiana	8	12	94	390	431	71	10	21	9	22	6	55 00
St. John's	21	90	180	851	5437	548	390	8	12	224	25	144 16
Sheboygan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Classis of Illinois	5	11	.....	210	210	43	2	12	.....	5	7	21 29
Total	121	368	4266	13956	13956	1991	1376	244	198	583	173	$1131 74

SYNOD

OF THE

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IN THE

UNITED STATES.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports ıbmitted the following report, which was adopted:

ELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

It becomes us to express our humble and devout gratitude to lmighty God, for the pleasant and auspicious circumstances un- er which we have been permitted to convene in the annual Synod- al meeting. Goodness and mercyhave followed us as a Church, and he smiles of a benignant Father, have shed their quickening beams pon us as ministers and office-bearers in his kingdom. All the ribes of our Zion greet us with the cheering salutation of peace nd joy in the Holy Ghost. And should not our grateful hearts espond with "glory to God in the highest," because we can pro- laim "peace on earth and good will among men."

The departure of several of our watchmen wakes up in us asso- ciations of impressive solemnity. During the past Synodical year, death has invaded our ranks, and translated several of our ministe- rial brethren into the unclouded bliss of heaven. Rev. C. R. Kes- sler, who participated with a laudable zeal in the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Lewisburg, has entered into the joy of his Lord. His intellectual attainments and fervent pie- ty made him eminently useful to the church, and his death was like the death of the righteous. Rev. H. Funk has also entered into his rest. His earnest, humble, meek and aimiable disposition and unreserved devotion to the interests of the Church, endeared him to the friends of the Savior, and made him a bright ornament to the ministerial profession. Both of these brethren died in the

prime of life, and at a period when there was a pressing want f their services. But the Lord needs worshippers in the Chur above as well as laborers in the Church below, and in both he alike glorified. May his will be done. Their life is their be epitaph, and their early death a sad monition of human frailty.- For man cometh forth as a flower and is cut down, he fleeth as shadow and continueth not.

The history of the last Synodical year furnishes joyful illustr tions of the Savior's ascending benediction: "Lo I am with y alway, even to the end of the world." The several Classes whi we respectively represent, bear current testimony to the actual a real presence of Christ with his people, through the practical ef ciency of the divinely ordained sacraments and stated means grace. Your committee observe with pleasure the manifest mar of progress within the bounds of the Synod. Not a very rap progress, it is true. For the Church, like a grain of mustard see advances with slow, silent, but certain steps. Her true policy h always been to grow rather than build.

The Classical reports exhibit a large increase of practical libe ality. A number of charges have introduced the plan of Systema ic Benevolence, as recommended by Synod, with the most encou aging results. This excellent plan has been thoroughly tested l experience, and its uniform success proves its feasibility beyo dispute. It is a practical school of benevolence, under whose tu tion church members receive daily exercise in the art of well-doin It secures an increase of faith. Your committee fondly hope th the day is not far distant when the plan of Systematic Benevolen will be universally reduced to practice throughout the whc Church, when its blessed results will remove the odium of illiber Christians, and the frequent embarrassments of our benevole operations.

The Synod has already been officially informed of the liberal b quest of the late Peter Cook, Esq., to the amount of five thousa dollars, towards the benevolent objects of the Church. Bro. had long been an exemplary Elder in the Church, a diligent a efficient member of several Boards, and a zealous Christian, who untiring devotion to the interests of the Church, was the m prominent characteristic of his life. His liberal remembrance

wants in the final disposal of his possessions, furnishes confir-
ory evidence that the promotion of her interests was his leading
pose to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. Your committee
m the occurrence of these munificent bequests during the last
years, as the happy indications of vital progress. They are
substantial expressions of the spirit of Christ, the tangible
sters of a fruitful vine. They furnish brilliant examples of a
ficent faith, "which worketh by love." They teach by the
e of facts, that men *can* and *do* find their only comfort both in
and death, in the conscious conviction that both they and their
perty are not their own, but belong to their faithful Savior Jesus
rist.

The extension and future prosperity of the German Reformed
rch, in a great measure, depends upon the faithful and correct
ining of her baptised members. These are the hope of the
rch. And only by teaching them the real value of their birth-
ht can they be brought to avail themselves of all its immunities.
place them virtually upon a level with the uncovenanted chil-
n of the world, must inevitably strip their relation to Christ of
its marrow and meaning, and unfit them for personal consecra-
n to God by the assumption of their baptismal vows. The clas-
al reports furnish the gratifying evidence of progress in the
ht direction, on this point. They regard the baptised members
the Church, as plants in the fertile soil of the Church, by whose
ace-bearing and educational functions, they are matured into
uit-bearing trees, which shall flourish in the courts of our God.
he faithful preaching of the word and the administration of the
crements, have been attended with blessed results. The still
all voice of the Spirit has lured many into the Savior's fold.—
And the statistics of the past year furnish reasonable ground to
ope that many have been born again.

Your committee would call the attention of Synod to the wants
of our vacant charges. The declining health of a number of our
ministers has increased these vacancies during the past year. The
character and importance of these charges, and the large amount of
material they contain, demand immediate action in their behalf,
on the part of this Synod. The inadequate number of ministers
renders the regular supply of all these charges impossible for the

present. Many of them have repeatedly extended calls to differe individuals, with the offer of competent salaries, until their frequer failures have led them to dispair of success. Your committee are the opinion that an expression of the sympathy of this Synod in b half of these destitute brethren, would prove a source of great en couragement and comfort, and would, therefore, recommend th Synod request the respective Classes to adopt efficient measures f the temporary supply of the vacant charges within their bound Amid this pressing want of laborers, however, it is encouraging t notice an increase in the number of candidates for the holy offic This fact reveals a growing attention to the claims of the ministry and promises to relieve the dreary prospect of future destitution.

In the midst of the tumultuous activity of the age, it is pleasin to survey the peaceful scenes that transpire in the ark of safety.— There is joy in beholding the fraternal spirit that pervades ou branch of God's heritage. The diffusion of the charity of the So of God must always be a source of joy to all his faithful followe By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one an other. It is pleasant, it is Christ-like, it is heavenly to love th brethren. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethre to dwell together in unity. While nations heave with the confli of principles and thousands perish on the fields of human carnag it is a delightful privilege to contemplate the bloodless victories of th Prince of Peace. The kingdom which cannot be moved, affords safe and joyous retreat, whose impregnable security the rage of hu man passion can never disturb. When the convulsive movement of the times seem to shake the social fabric, to its very basis, it be comes a privilege as well as a duty, to keep steadily in view th foundation of our edifice, and to repose with unshaken confidenc upon the rock against which the gates of hell shall not prevail.

The signal success which has attended our efforts should inspir us with gratitude and hope. It is a humiliating reflection, howev er, that our endeavors hitherto have not been commensurate to th extent and importance of the field committed to our care and cul tivation. We have done but a small part of the great work re quired at our hands. The field before us is vast and full of hope ful encouragement. The success of the past and the promisin

prospects of the future, should inspire us with redoubled energy and vigor in the prosecution of the work which the Great Head of the Church has assigned us. May God abundantly bless and prosper the efforts and agencies, not only in the Reformed communion, but also throughout his Holy Catholic Church, and speed the arrival of the promised reign of evangelical glory, when the kingdoms of this world, shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	No. Congreg'ts.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants	Confirmations	Certificate.	Baptised.	Dismissed.	Excommun'd.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Theo. L. Hoffeditz, D. D.	3	Forks. Hamilton, etc.	478	438	40		72			29	6	Nazareth, Northampton co. Pa.
J'b. C. Becker, D. D.	5	Howertown charge.										Bethlehem, " "
Charles G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, etc.	600	600	51		174			39	6	Maxatany, Berks co. "
John Zulich,	7	Jacobs, etc.	1000	1000	95		129			38	4	Jacksonville, Lehigh co. "
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, etc.	1493	1493	120		251			101	3	Allentown, " "
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, etc.	1500	1200	91		294			81	7	Kutztown, Berks co. "
William A. Helfrich,	5	Zieget, etc.	1500	1379	55		127		1	46	6	Fogelsville, Lehigh co. "
Theo C. W. Hoffeditz,		Without charge,										Mercersburg, Franklin co. "
John W. Leseher,	3	Wilksbarre,	227	200			18				2	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne co "
Charles Becker,	7	Chesnut Hill,	600	225	82		143			32	5	Shafers, Monroe co. "
C. G. Eichenberg.	7	Weisport, etc.	700	350	41		152			56	7	Weisport, Carbon co. "
Erasmus H Helfrich,	5	Plainfield, etc.	1485	1132							7	Bath, Northampton co, "
Cyrus Becker.		Without charge,										Kreidersville, " "
Alfred J. G. Dubs,	6	Kreidersville.	800	800	78		237			45	6	Lanbach's " "
Alfred J. Herman,		Assistant to his Father,	107	107	51		100			20	6	Maxatany, Berks co. "
D. F Brendel,	3	Farmersville, etc.	450	250			28			15	4	Bethlehem, Northampton co "
I. K. Loose,	2	Mount Bethel, etc.	300	200	57		44			13	5	Stone Church " "
Peter D. Schory,		Without charge,										Lancaster Ohio.
J. S. Kessler, D. D.		do do										Allentown, Lehigh co, "
John Beck,	1	Easton,			20		77			30	1	Easton, Northampton co. "
Simon Gross,		Licentiate,										North WhiteHall, Lehigh co "
Robert Van Court.		do										Guthsville. " "

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptised Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Post Office Address.
Phillip Moyer	3	Zion's etc.	468		73	9		468			26		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co. Pa.
Isaac Miese	5	Bern charge	1050		101	114		1000			62	5	Lower Bern, Berks co. Pa.
John Gring	5	Stumpstown charge	270		66	46		270				2	Fredericksburg, Lebanon co. Pa.
Thomas H. Leinbach	6	Tulpenhocken charge	1300		124	71		918			29	5	Meyerstown, Lebanon co. Pa.
Franklin W. Kremer	2	Lebanon charge	767	788	63	44	9	425	9		28	2	Lebanon Pa.
Augustus L. Herman	8	Hamburg charge	1006		190	130		1006			75	11	Reading Pa.
Aaron S. Leinbach	1	1st church Reading	675			47	15	560	5		58	1	do
Moses Kieffer	1	2nd church Reading	118		15	9		118				1	Tiffin Ohio.
John W. Hoffmeier	4	Orwigsburg charge	250		36	5	4	250			12	2	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co. Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff		Pottsville charge	75		8			53			3		Pottsville, Schuylkill co. Pa.
Jacob D. Zehring	4	Host charge	743		91	47		575			23	10	Bernville, Berks co. Pa,
Jonathan E. Hiester	5	Palmyra charge	371	249	29	40	2	219	5	1	12	4	Annville, Lebanon co. Pa.
Abraham Romich	4	Jonestown charge	219		42	9		219	1		21	4	Jonestown, Lebanon co. Pa.
Jacob Kline	5	Minersville charge	258		78	15		258			32	5	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill co. Pa
William A. Good	2	Bernvile charge	250		29	27		210			3	3	Reading Pa.
Charles W. Schultz		Without charge			2						3		do
Vacant	2	Tremont charge*	65	80	29			60			12	2	

*Served by the Rev. I. E. Graeff in 1854.

CLASSIS OF SUSQUEHANNA.

Ministers.	Congregat's.	Congregations or Charges.	Baptized Members.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic's.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.	
Dietrich Willers,	3	Christ's, Jerusalem, etc.		180	40	2		180		9	2	Fayette, Seneca co. New York.	
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Roalsburg charge,		365	65	39	4	335	35	11	9	Boalsburg, Centre co.	Pa.
Richard A. Fisher,	5	Sunbury charge,		500	25		2	450	4	10	5	Sunbury,	"
Isaac Shellhammer,	3	Conyngham charge,		300	77			177		43	4	Conyngham, Luzerne co.	"
George Wolff,	4	Paradise charge,	700	576	61	72	20	541	8	5	4	Milton, Northumberland co.	"
Rudolph Duenger,		Without charge,										Mahonoy, " "	"
Ephraim Kieffer,	5	Mifflinburg charge,	550	525	58	41		525		15	8	Mifflinburg, Union co.	"
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg charge,		227	31	10		229		12		Millheim, Centre co.	"
Adolph B. Casper,		Without charge,										New Berlin, Union co.	"
Henry Wiegand,	4	Nippenose charge,		347	16	29		335	14	10	5	Road Hall, Lycoming co.	"
Daniel Lantz,	2	Danville charge,	225	140	46			140		15	1	White Pigeon, Mich.	
John A. Leis,	9	Lykens Valley charge,		603	112	72		603		64	7	Millersburg, Dauphin co.	"
William R. Yearick,	4	Nittany charge,	400	250	36	20	14	203	4	11	6	Hublersburg, Centre co.	"
William Goodrich,	4	Bloomsburg charge,		275	22	60	5	260		10	2	Bloomsburg, Columbia co.	"
William G. Hackman,	6	Beaver charge,		300	106			290		35	7	Adamsburg, Snyder co.	"
Nathan Bressler,	4	Armstrong Valley charge,		219	43	6		191		21	4	Fisherville, Dauphin co.	"
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg charge,		175	20	16		175		15	3	Gratztown, " "	"
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,		150	10	9	9	180	4	2	1	Milton, Northumberland co.	"
Jared Fritzinger,	4	Blockhouse charge,		250	32	7		200		18	3	Liberty, Tioga co.	"
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Lewisburg charge,		178	25	8	8	170	5	10	1	Lewisburg,	"
Martin A. Smith,	5	Aaronsburg,		315	33	11		200	6	8	7	Aaronsburg, Centre co.	"
Jonathan Zellers,		No charge,										Milton,	"
C. Z. Weiser,	1	Selinsgrove charge,		100	18	23	4	75		3	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder co.	"
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,		195	13	37		195		4	4	Mifflinburg, Union co.	"
F. J. More,	3	Lock Haven,		120	25	7		120		9		Beech Creek, Clinton co.	"
H. Hoffman,	2	Shamokin,		250								Paxinos, Northumberland co.	"
J. S. Shade,	3	Bellefonte,		150	14	12		100			2	Bellefonte, Centre co.	"
Vacant,	2	Cattawissa,		145	6	11		110		1			
Vacant,	2	Muncy,		105	3	9				1			
Vacant,	5	New Berlin charge,		355	40			280		30	4		
Vacant,	5	Mahony charge,											

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Members	Communicants	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Baptised.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Daniel Ziegler	6	Creutz creek charge	590		480	27		82		26	3	York Pa.
Jacob Sechler	3	Hanover charge	750	950	650	51		67		46		Hanover Pa.
Jacob Ziegler	4	Gettysburg charge	640		600	35	1	57	3	14	3	Gettysburg Pa.
Henry Auzand	5	Bender's charge	380		250	18		18	2		5	York Springs, Adams co. Pa.
Daniel Riegle	5	Dillsburg charge	335		335	21		39		21	3	Dillsburg, York co. Pa.
John Reisecke		Without charge										Shrewsbury, York co. Pa.
John Albert,		do do										York Springs, Adams co. Pa.
Frederick W. Vandersloot	5	Windsor charge	340		340	45		36		32		York Pa.
Charles H. Leinbach	6	Landisburg charge	660	700	565	15	3	77	6	10	6	Landisburg Pa.
Amos H. Kremer	3	Carlisle charge	350	405	315	15	8	21	12	9	4	Carlisle Pa.
George Leidy		Without charge										do
William C. Bennett		do do										Boiling Springs, Cumberland co. Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	6	Bloomfield charge	259	365	220	20		20	7	8	6	New Bloomfield, Perry co. Pa.
Joseph S. Loose		Without charge										Mechanicsburg Pa.
David Bossler	5	York charge (German)	248		248	8		38		30	4	York Pa.
Jacob O Miller	1	York charge (English)	350	500	175	16	2	44	2	10	2	do
John C. Bucher	3	Sup. of Mechanicsb'g charge										Carlisle Pa.
Emanuel H. Hoffheins	5	Abbottstown charge	475		450	39		34		11	6	Abbottstown Pa.
Daniel Gring	5	Shrewsbury charge	400		325			42	2	27	5	Shrewsbury, York co. Pa.
David Hefelfinger	4	Newville charge	174		103	20	2	5	1	3	3	Newville Pa.
Vacant	4	Emanuels charge										

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers Names.	No Congreg's.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Communica'ts	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd	Deaths.	Sun'ay Schools	Post Office Addresses.
Elias Heiner, D. D.	1	First church, Baltimore,	315	280	29	16	3	315	2	1	22	2	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant,	1	Second church, do.											
Andrew P. Freese,	1	Third " do.	170	176	13	4	7	162	2		8	1	Baltimore, Md.
John Gantenbein,	1	Fourth " do.	535	370	129	23		535			55	1	Baltimore, Md.
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick city,	400	450	70	12	13	350	4		52	2	Frederick city, Md.
Charles F. McCauley,	1	Middletown,	416	300	48	25	4	360	7		16	4	Reading Pa.
Samuel H. Geisy,*	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	226	228	12	4	1	226	10		3	1	Hagerstown, Wash. co. Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford,	5	Glade charge,	415	358	38	10	2	384			13	5	Walkersville, Fred. co. Md
Robert Douglas,	4	Boonsboro',	400	209	4	2		276	1		8	4	Shepherdstown, Jef. co. Va.
William F. Colliflower,	6	Manchester,	550	540	71	36	4	440	9		21	5	Manchester, Car'll co. Md.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Emmittsburg,	298	250	16	34	2	280	9		6	1	Emmittsburg, Fred. co. "
Vacant,	3	Funkstown,	156					124					
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	400	200	43	28	9	360	5		10	3	Cavetown, Wash. co. Md.
John G. Fritchey,	4	Taneytown,	350	300	35	15	5	300	2		5	3	Taneytown, Car'll co. Md.
Samuel Philips.	3	Jefferson,	263	261	13	24		214			5	3	Jefferson, Fred. co. Md.
Lewis H. Keafauver,	2	Millerstown,	180	200	25		1	120	9		7	2	Fairfield, Adams co. Pa.
Vacant,	3	Burkettsville,	147	261				143					
Vacant,†	1	Silver Run.	450	500	39			250	1		11	1	
Benjamin Schneider,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria,
Wm. H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,											Frederick, Md
Joseph H. Apple,		Licentiate.											Easton, Pa
Charles Cast,	1	Hagerstown,	106	75	12			100			5	1	Hagerstown, Md
George L. Staley.		Without charge,											Petersville, Frederick co. "
Edward W. Reinecke,	1	Frederick,	90	140	6			79					Frederick city, "

*Recently taken charge. † Supplied by Rev. J. G. Fritchey.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants	Confirmations	Certificate.	Baptized	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools	Post Office Address.
George Boger		Without charge								Mt. Comfort, Cabarras co. N. C.
John H. Crawford		Catawba charge								Newton, Catawba co. N. C.
John Lautz		Without charge								do do
David Crooks		Lincoln charge								Lincolnton N. C.
G. William Welker,		Guilford charge								Clapp's, Guilford co. N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold		Western Rowan charge								China Grove, Rawan co. N. C.
Thornton Butler		Without charge								Lexington N C.
Vacant		Newton charge								Newton, Catawba co. N. C.
do		Eastern Rowan charge								
do		Davidson charge								

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Sam'l Helfenstein, D. D.		Without charge											Gwynedd. Montgomery co. Pa.
George Wack		do do											Centre Square. do do
Jesse B. Knipe	3	Pikeland etc	155		10	2		155				3	Chester Springs, Chester co. Pa.
Alfred B. Shenkle	2	Trappe etc	250		25	14		200			4		Trappe, Montgomery co. Pa.
John R. Kooken		Without charge											Mercersburg, Franklin co. Pa.
Sam'l Helffenstein, Jr.		do do											Blue Bell. Montgomery co. Pa.
Jacob Helffenstein	1	Germantown							6	2			Germantown, Philadelphia co. Pa.
N. S. Aller	1	Pleasantville	160		5			160				1	Pleasantville, Montgomery co. Pa.
William Phillips	1	Philadelphia 3rd church	100					70			2		Philadelphia city Pa.
Charles Lukens		Without charge											Frankford, Philadelphia co. Pa.
George D. Wolff		do do											Norristown, Montgomery co. Pa.
Adolph Rahn	1	Philadelphia 2nd church	350		91	9		311			54		Philadelphia Pa.
Charles Bonekemper		Without charge											Gone abroad.
John S. Ermentrout	1	Norristown											Norristown Pa.
Jacob B. Keller	3	Bohms etc	175	228	8	15	23	153	2		6	3	Carlisle Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1	Philadelphia 1st church	227		5	6	22	154			3	1	Philadelphia Pa,
Nicholas Gehr	1	Philadelphia 4th church	409	670	18	26	63	335	5		12	1	do
H. A. Friedel		Without charge											do
Mr. —— Snyder		Candidate											Pleasantville, Montgomery co. Pa.
Supplied by J. Naille	1	Wentz's church	128		16	*79		128			14	1	Line Lexington, Bucks co. Pa.

*Confirmed in nine years.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Henry St. John Rinker	5	Mill Creek		5	10		263			6	2	Hamburg, Shenandoah county Va.
John G. Wolff	5	Woodstock		29	18	1	233			3	2	Woodstock, do do
Peter S. Davis	2	Winchester	90	23	12		82			2	2	Winchester, Frederick do
John C. Hensell	3	Middlebrook	175	12	12	5	160			3		Middlebrook, Augusta do
George H. Martin	1	London		13	14		105			1	1	Lovettsville, London do
Daniel Feete	5	Mt. Crawford		33	25	2	190			4	4	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham do
Daniel G. Bragonier	2	Shepherdstown		28	20	12	183			9	2	Shepherdstown.
Joseph Hannaberry	3	Central		10	25		65			3		Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah do
Samuel J. Fetzer .		Without charge										New Hope, Augusta do
Vacant*	4	Pendleton		2	7		28					
Vacant	4	Augusta		2			110			1		

*Only one congregation reported.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	No Congreg's.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptised Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Communic'ts	Dismissed.	Excommun'd	Deaths.	Sun'ay Schools	Post Office Address.
John Rebaugh	1	Middleburg charge	125	240	33	10	12	112	16		12	1	Greencastle, Franklin county Pa
Samuel N. Callender	1	Chambersburg	227		20	3	4	180	2		3	1	Chambersburg, do do
Samuel R. Fisher D. D.		Editor of Ger. Ref. Mess.											do do do
Benj S. Schneck D. D.		2nd church, Chambersburg	23					23					do do do
John W. Nevin D. D.		Without charge											Lancaster, Lancaster do
Phillip Schaff D. D.		Prof. in Theological Seminary											Mercersburg, Franklin do
John S. Foulk	1	Greencastle charge	315	285	32		10	260	9		16	1	Greencastle, do do
George W. Glessner	2	Shippensburg charge	166	108	12	8	3	166	1		5	2	Shippensburg Cumberland do
Henry Wagner	2	Mercersburg charge	188		9	5	11	134	3		9	2	Orwigsburg do
Frederick A. Rupley	4	Waterstreet charge	280	165	34	25	1	260	5	2	5	2	Martinsburg do
Matthew Irvine	3	Friend's Cove charge	340	330	21	3		320			8		Bedford, Bedford do
Theobald Fouse	6	Woodcock Valley charge	400	600	61	37	4	390	3		30	3	Jamescreek, Huntingdon do
Henry Heckerman	3	Bedford charge	400	500	40	7	4	400	19	1	10	3	Bedford, Bedford do
Jeremiah Heller	3	St. Clairsville charge	470		93	72	5	430	19		8	2	St. Clairsville do
Samuel Miller		Editor Kirchenzeitung											Chambersburg, Franklin do
Jacob Hassler	2	London and St. Thomas	200	180	48	17	8	180	5		11	2	Mercersburg, do do
William M. Deatrick	2	Huntingdon charge	152	170	7		2	140		1		3	Pattonville, Bedford do
Moses A. Stewart	3	McConnellsburg charge	215	187	4	18	5	173	1	1		3	Mercersburg, Franklin do
Henry W. Super	2	Waynesboro' charge	250		12			170	4		4	2	Waynesboro, Franklin do
W. D. C. Rodrock	4	Strasburg charge	145		31	21	11	134	3		6	3	Jackson Hall do do
Frederick A. Scholl		Without charge											Greencastle do do
Jacob Mayer		do do											Columbia, Lancaster do
Samuel H. Reid	2	Supply of Huntingdon charge											Water Street, Huntingdon do
B. C. Wolff D. D. Prof.	4	Grindstonehill charge											Mercersburg do
	3	Martinsburg charge } Vacant	284	356	19	2	9	280					
	3	Yellow Creek charge }											

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Members	Baptized.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Communic'ts	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Daniel Zellers	5	Saucon, Saltzburg etc.	639					639				Allentown, Lehigh county. Pa.
John A. Strassburger		Superannuated										Sellersville, Bucks county Pa.
Daniel Weiser	2	Goshenhoppen and Swamp	860	1000	86	35		670		22	4	Upper Hanover, Montgomery co. Pa.
Lewis C. Herman	3	Pottstown, Mountain etc	390		37	34		320	1	26	2	New Hanover, do do
Samuel Hess	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem etc.	800	600	66	45		664		28	6	Hallerstown, Northampton do
William T Gerhart	5	Durham, Nockamixon etc.	750		51	51		400		23	6	Bucksville, Bucks do
John Naille	2	Towamencin etc.	280		16	20	5	200	4	14	2	Kulpsville, Montgomery do
J. B Porner		Without charge										Allentown, Lehigh do
N. S. Strassburger	4	Amity, Pottstown etc.	720	649	76	17		503	1	40	4	Pottstown, Montgomery do
Joshua H. Derr	4	Tohicon, Indianfield etc.	558		26	99	2	558		22		Sellersville, Bucks do
A L. Dechant	5	Keelers, Boyerstown etc.	463	654	61	76		495		46	5	Frederick, Montgomery do
Thomas G. Apple	1	Reiglesville	75		5	9	3	75			1	Greensburg West do
Vacant	1	Baumstown										
	1	Pricetown, supplied by Rev. A. Good			2	12		52			1	
	1	Upper Milford, supplied by Rev. J. S. Kessler, D D.										

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic'ts	Baptized.	Confirmations	Certificate.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools	Post Office Address.
John Lichtenstein	1	Buffalo	465	340	42	19		5	19	1	Buffalo, Erie county, New York.
Andrew Shroder	1	Rochester	70	50	12	7					Rochester do
John Althouse	2	Lockport charge	125	125	30	9			2	1	Lockport, Niagara co. do
George F. Jahncke	2	Buffalo	200	130	28	11			3		Buffalo, Erie co. do
John F. Busche	1	New York City	100	100	81	2			4	1	New York city do
Lewis B. Schwartz	1	Boston Mass.	225	120		8				1	Boston Massachusetts.
C. W. Van de Veu	1	Clymer	31		11	7					Clymer, Chatsque co. do

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptised Members.	Baptised.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Post Office Address.	
Henry Harbaugh	1	1st church	575	500	40	22	23	510	2		11	1	Lancaster city	Pa
Nathaniel A. Keyes	1	St. Pauls church	127	133	13	1		124			4	1	do do	do
Isaac Gerhart	5	Manheim	225	115		8		75			5	4	Manheim, Lancaster county	do
Daniel Hertz	6	Ephrata	320	200	50	18		225	30		18	2	Ephrata, do	do
Daniel Gans	1	Harrisburg	188	200	16	4	5	188	4		6	2	Harrisburg, do	do
Daniel Y. Heisler	5	Hummelstown	236	160	36		3	210			24	5	Sunbury	do
Albert Helffenstein Jr.	2	New Holland	100	80	12	7	8	75			6	1	New Holland, Lancaster county	do
John V. Eckert	2	New Providence	152	128	3	3		130	2		7		New Providence, do	do
Joel L. Reber		No charge											Lancaster city	do
Albert Helffenstein Sr.		do do											Elizabethtown, Lancaster county	do
Emanuel V. Gerhart		Pres of F. and M. College											Lancaster city	do
Thomas C. Porter		Pres. in do do											do do	do
Theodore Apple		do do do											do do	do
Vacant	4	Millersville	223	110				194				2	Elder F. Bloyer, Millersville	do
Vacant	4	Elizabethtown	160	120	10			120			8	4	do J. Kuntz, Elizabeth	do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations	Members.	Baptized Member.	Baptisms.	Certificate.	Confirmations	Communica'ts	Dismissed.	Excommuni'd.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schol's
East Pennsylvania Classis,	22	73	10881		1847		781	9374		1	545	75
Lebanon do	16	57	7885	1117	976	30	703	6609	20	1	399	57
Susquehanna do	27	160	7327	1875	977	66	501	6264	90		372	47
Zions do	20	70	5951	2920	580	16	330	5056	35		247	50
Maryland do	20	47	5867	5098	603	51	231	5018	61	3	247	39
North Carolina do	7	22										
Virginia do	9	34	1446		157	20	143	1419			32	13
Philadelphia do	19	16	1954	898	178	108	151	1660	13	2	95	10
Mercersburg do	24	52	4180	3121	476	89	228	3752	90	5	128	33
Goshenhoppen do	12	39	5535	2903	426	10	398	4576	6		121	31
New York do	7	9	1216		204		63	896	5		28	4
Lancaster do	13	31	2306	1756	180	39	63	1851	38		89	22
Total,	196	560	54548	19688	6604	429	3594	46481	348	12	2403	381
Synod of Ohio and adjacent States. Eleven Classes.	126	388	18207	473	2180	297	1376	15886	107	13	553	156
Total of the two Synods. Classes 23.	322	948	72755	20161	8784	726	4970	62367	155	25	2956	537

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church of Ohio

AND ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN

CARROLTON, CARROL COUNTY, OHIO,

COMMENCING ITS SESSIONS ON THE EVENING OF THE 20th OF MAY, AND CLOSING ON MONDAY EVENING, THE 25th OF MAY, 1857.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States in General Convention, in the German Reformed church in Carrolton, Carrol county, Ohio, commencing its sessions on the evening of Wednesday, the 20th of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven. The sessions closed on Monday evening 25th.

ARTICLE I.

The Opening of Synod.

In the absence of the President, the Convention was called to order by the Stated Clerk at the appointed time. Rev. D. Kemmerer was appointed President *pro tem.* The opening sermon was preached by request, by the Rev. H. K. Baines, from Galatians 4 : 26 : "*But Jerusalem which is above, is free, which is the mother of us all.*

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

1.) *From the Miami Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. D. Winters, T. H. Winters, P. C. Prugh, H. K. Baines, H. Rust, Geo. W. Williard, I. H. Reiter, Samuel Mease, and George Z. Mechling.

Elders—Wm. Nieble, Jon. Kettlerman, and John Rockafield.

2.) *Lancaster Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. I. S. Weisz, J. H. Buser, and J. B. Ruhl.

Elders—H. Leonard and John Souser.

3.) *Westmoreland Classis.*

Minister—Rev. George B. Russell.

Elder—J. J. Painter.

4.) *Sandusky Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. S. B. Leiter, J. J. Excell, C. H. Reiter, Wm. McCaugh, J. Hines,* L. C. Edmonds,* and H. Hess.†

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* Took their seats on the second day.

† Took his seat on the third day.

Elders—John Bretz, J. W. Lonas and Philip Fluke.*

5.) *Tiffin Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. Prof. H. J. Ruetenik, Wm. K. Zieber, Prof. M. Kieffer J. G. Ruhl,* and J. Klingler.*

Elders—Ezra Derr, H. Schaff,* and C. Meyers.†

6.) *Indiana Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. C. Plüss, and J. D. Colliflower.

Elders—None present.

7.) *St. Joseph Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. J. H. Kline and F. W. Dechant.

Elders—None present.

8.) *Clarion Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. F. Wise, J. G. Shoemaker, F. Wahl, C. A. Limberg,* D. B. Ernst.* L. D. Leberman,* A. Dale, L. Cort,* and H. F. Hartman.*

Elders—F. Conner, and Tobias Wassen.*

9.) *Illinois Classis.*

None present.

10.) *St. John's Classis.*

Ministers—Rev. P. Herbruck, J. F. Englebach, Robert Koehler, J. G. Zahner, D. Kemmerer, J. B. Ruhl, and C. Lienkemper.†

Elders—George Deuble, John Heintz, John Warner,† Abraham Yungen, John Sonnedecker, and Samuel Newhart.

11.) *Sheboygan Classis.*

Minister—Rev. A. Mühlmeier.

Elder—None present.

Synod of North America.

Rev. A. H. Kremer.*

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

Rev. Prof. M. Kieffer, *President.*

Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Corresponding Secretary* and *Treasurer.*

Rev. Geo. W. Williard is the *Stated Clerk.*

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* Took their seats on the second day.

† Took their seats on the third day.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The standing rules of Synod were read by the Stated Clerk, and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of the Convention:

Morning Session to commence at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock.
Afternoon Session to commence at 2 and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

On Synodical Minutes—Rev. S. B. Leiter, D. Kemmerer, and Elder J. Sonnedecker.

On Overtures—Rev. G. B. Russell, J. D. Colliflower, and Elder F. Conner.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. H. F. Hartman, J. J. Excell, and Elder J. W. Lonas.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Rev. D. Winters, J. G. Zahner, H. F. Hartman, and Elders W. Nieble, and H. Leonard.

On the State of Religion—Rev. L. D. Leberman, W. K. Zieber, and Elder P. Fluke.

On the Theological Seminary—Rev. P. C. Prugh, J. B. Ruhl, and Elder H. Schaff.

On Missions—Rev. H. K. Baines, I. S. Weisz, and Elder J. Souser.

On Finance—Rev. T. H. Winters, J. Hines, and Elder J. Ketterman.

On Nominations—Rev. D. B. Ernst, G. Z. Mechling, and Elder N. Jacoby.

On Publication—Rev. J. H. Buser, Prof. H. J. Ruetenik, and Elder J. Rockafield.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. F. W. Dechant, C. H. Reiter, I. S. Weisz, and Elders E. Derr and J. Sonnedecker.

On Heidelberg College—Rev. H. Rust, J. G. Zahner, and Elder J. Bretz.

On Education—Rev. S. Mease, P. Herbruck, and Elder Geo. Deuble.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The Minutes of last year, those of the Synod of North America, and of the Triennial Convention were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the different Classes were referred to the Committee on said Minutes.

4. The reports of the different Boards and Treasurers were received, read, and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Exercises.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Sermon on Friday evening by Rev. L. Cort, of Harmony, Pa., Preparatory sermon, Saturday afternoon, in the English, by Rev. A. H. Kremer of Carlisle, Pa., and in the German by Rev. J. F. Englebach of Akron, Ohio.

Sermon Saturday evening, by Rev. J. H. Buser, from Lancaster Classis.

Communion sermon, Sabbath morning, English by Rev. Prof. M. Kieffer, of Tiffin, Ohio, and German by Rev. H. Rust, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sabbath evening, Missionary Anniversary.

SISTER CHURCHES.

Methodist church—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. T. H. Winters, of Xenia, Ohio, and in the afternoon by Rev. J. J. Excell, of Reedsburg, Ohio.

Union church—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. George W. Williard, of Dayton, Ohio, and in the afternoon by Rev. J. G. Shoemaker, of Curlsville, Pa.

Presbyterian church—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. A. H. Kremer, of Carlisle, Pa., and in the afternoon by Rev. Prof. M. Kieffer, of Tiffin, Ohio.

Lutheran church—Sabbath morning sermon by Rev. S. B. Leiter, of Navarre, Ohio, and in the afternoon by Rev. C. Plüss, of Lawrenceburg, Ia.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. DECHANT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Minutes.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1. Page 8, is a committee, consisting of G. W. Williard, M. Stern, G. B. Russell, to act in concert with a similar committee of the Eastern Synod in the preparation and publication of suitable tracts for the German Reformed Church.

Item 2. Page 9, is a committee on a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and our own.

Item 3. Page 11, W. K. Zieber, J. H. Good and I. S. Weisz were appointed a committee to superintend the publication of the addresses at the inauguration of Prof. Kieffer.

Item 4. Page 12, is a committee, consisting of S. Mease, G. B. Russell, G. W. Williard and W. K. Zieber, on Sabbath School paper.

Item 5. Page 13, is a committee, consisting of J. G. Zahner and Dr. Bossard, to cöoperate with the committee of the Eastern Synod, in the preparation and publication of a German Hymn-book.

Item 6. Page 14, is a committee, consisting of N. P. Hacke, and others, to inquire into our interest in certain church property in Pittsburg.

Item 7. Page 19, the proposition to publish a German religious paper was laid over until this meeting of Synod.

Item 8. Page 28, is a committee on the Library fund.

Item 9. page 29, is a request to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary to draw up a constitution and charter for the Theological Seminary, and present the same to the next Synod.

Item 10. Page 46, Delegates to Eastern Synod are, P. C. Prugh, *primarius*, and M. Stern, *secundus*, and to the Evangelical Verien, J. G. Zahner, *primarius*, and H. J. Ruetenik, *secundus*.

Item 11. Page 50, is a request to the Treasurer to purchase a blank book for the purpose of recording the names of candidates for the ministry who are required to sign the constitutional formula.

Item 12. Page 50, is a request to the Stated Clerk, to secure a seal for the use of Synod.

Item 13. Page 51, is a resolution appointing G. B. Russell and G. W. Williard to revise our standing rules and report at this meeting.

Item 14. Page 51, the Stated Clerk was authorized to publish the Minutes of Synod in their usual pamphlet form.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Item 1. Page 12. Third item refers to the subject of a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and our own.

Item 2. Page 15. The appointment of Rev. A. H. Kremer, delegate, *primarius*, and Rev. J. O. Miller, *secundus*, to our Synod.

Item 3. Page 84. This Synod is requested to acquiesce in the proposed alteration in the numbering of the articles of the Constitution.

Item 4. Page 100. Relates to a standing committee of correspondence with Evangelical and Reformed Churches of Europe.

MINUTES OF TRIENNIAL CONVENTION.

There being no quorum present at the meeting of the Triennial Convention the ministers and elders present, by mutual consent, formed themselves into a free Conference for consultation on such subjects of general interest to the Church as might have claimed the attention of the Triennial Convention.

Three special committees were created to report to the Conference, one on the *General condition and progress of the Church during the last three years*, another on *Missions and Education*, and a third on *Miscellaneous Items*, not included in the province of the other two committees.

These committees subsequently reported, and from these reports we gather the following items, which have been referred to this Synod for its consideration:

1. The committee on Miscellaneous Items reported the following recommendations to be sent to the Eastern and Western Synods for action at their next sessions:

1.) To merge the Triennial Convention into a *Triennial General Synod*, which should consist of the constitutional number of delegates from all the Eastern and Western Classes, and transact, with legislative authority, all the regular Synodical business, without constituting, however, a higher judicatory, but simply taking the place of the separate meetings of the two Synods every third year, with the view to promote union and harmony between the different sections of our Church, and thus to secure the praiseworthy objects contemplated in the formation of the Triennial Convention more efficiently than it could be done under its present form.

2.) To alter the name of the "Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States," so as to call it hereafter "The Eastern Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States of America," and to change the name of the "Synod of Ohio and adjacent States," into the name "The Western Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States."

3.) To instruct the Committee on the Liturgy to prepare and publish in one volume with their proposed Provisional Liturgy,

a new and critical selection of about one hundred and fifty standard Psalms and Hymns for public worship, including good translations of the best Latin, and especially German hymns, which are so intimately interwoven with the history and piety of our mother Church in Europe, and which should be secured as far as possible for the devotional use of our English as well as our German congregations.

4.) To direct the attention of the various Classes to the propriety of establishing as many Classical Academies and Female Seminaries as practicable, in order to lay hold of the rising generation and to spread the blessings of a sound Christian education.

5.) To appoint a Financial Agent for at least one year, who should visit all our charges and cöoperate with the ministers elders and deacons in raising funds for the various benevolent objects of the Church and introducing Synod's plan of Systematic Benevolence: provided that a man can be found who enjoys the entire confidence of our people and can devote his undivided attention to this important object, until the plan of Systematic Benevolence is in successful operation; and provided also that a sufficient salary can be secured to him without involving the Synods in pecuniary embarrassment.

6.) To issue an appeal to the wealthy ministers and members of the Church to contribute a liberal portion of the means with which God has blessed them, to the benevolent institutions of the Church during their life-time, and to remember them in their wills.

7.) To urge upon the ministers the importance of delivering, as far as practicable, catechetical sermons, or holding catechetical exercises in the church, on Sunday afternoon or evening, for the benefit of the adult as well as the young.

8.) To create a fund for the annual increase of the Seminary Libraries.

9.) To establish a Sunday School paper and to encourage a denominational Sunday School literature, without involving the Synods in pecuniary liabilities.

10.) To urge upon the ministers and consistories the duty of devoting the collections taken up at all the communion seasons, to a strictly benevolent object, as a thank-offering to the Lord, instead of applying them, as is now so often the case, to the use of the congregation, whose expenses should all be provided for in some other way. Also to revive the ancient custom now gone out of use in many of our congregations, in taking up penny collections at all the public services of the church, which, if they were all devoted, as they ought to be, to the benevolent objects of the Church, would supersede, in a great measure, the necessity of any new plan of Systematic Benevolence.

11.) To create a fund for disabled ministers and widows.

2. From the report of the committee on Missions and Education, the following recommendations are sent to both Synods for their consideration and adoption:

1.) That the Synods, through their respective Boards, pay particular attention to the importance of establishing missions in cities and promising central influential towns, such as are specified in the body of the report; and that they regard as of the highest importance, the proper qualifications for the peculiar work of missions, of those whom they may place over them.

2.) That they adopt, in their wisdom, some plan, by which they may be enabled to interest the entire Church upon the great and important subject of Missions, so as to lead ministers and members to appropriate more largely of that with which God has blessed them, for the spread of the gospel and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

3.) That the Western Synod employ, as soon as possible, a minister of suitable qualifications as general agent and superintendent of missions.

In the event the Convention be continued by the Synods, or in case of a General Synod being determined upon by the Synods, the Convention recommend Pittsburg, Pa., as a suitable place for the next meeting, and the last Wednesday of October, 1859, as the time for the next meeting.

In conclusion, the Conference express a deep regret at the very slim attendance of the delegates to the Triennial Convention, and request the Synods respectively to note the fact, that many of the Classes were not represented by their delegates appointed to attend that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

The report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The committee reported that they had not been able to make any progress in this important matter, inasmuch as the Eastern Synod had changed its position in regard to this subject, preferring to make the publication of such tracts individual and not synodical enterprises. The Convention preferred not to appoint any committee, as suggested by the Eastern Synod, not regarding it as calculated to advance the object contemplated, whereupon the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly desires to call forth the individual talent and enterprise of the Church in securing a denominational literature.

Item 2. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Chairman of the Committee on a closer union between the Reformed Churches of Europe and the German Reformed Church of the United States of America, having received no information from the other members of the Committee, is not able, therefore, to present a full and final report on this subject. But we can state with pleasure, that our efforts during the past synodical year, in this noble cause, have not been altogether in vain. We have communicated the intention and earnest desire of our Synod to the Rev. Charles Sudhoff, a pious and prominently zealous minister of the Evangelical Reformed Church at Frankfort on the Main, requesting him at the same time to lay our communications before other brethren, equally interested in the common welfare of our Reformed Zion. Besides, we have urged it repeatedly upon the Rev. B. Bausman, delegate of the Eastern Synod to the German Evangelical Church Diet, to make known our intention and to prepare the way for the contemplated closer union with the Reformed Church of Germany, as far as it could be done without interfering with his instructions from the brethren of the East. Although an answer from the Rev. Sudhoff has not yet come to hand, and we have also no direct information respecting the result of the labors of brother Bausman in this direction, nevertheless we have learned sufficient to convince us, that the Reformed mother Church is now being gradually prepared for the final realization of the object in view.

About forty years ago, when the existing union between the Reformed and Lutheran Churches in the old country was first established, our brethren there, ever ready to advance the cause of Christ in the best possible manner, and not being able, perhaps, to anticipate any disastrous consequences, sacrificed their classical and synodical institutions, their church discipline and venerable symbols, their distinctive doctrine, and in fact their entire denominational interest. The influence in favor of the general establishment of one United Evangelical Church was so powerful that comparatively few Reformed congregations were able to withstand it, and those remaining steadfast were mostly so far distant from each other, that their denominational life, deprived of the refreshing influence of mutual intercourse and encouragement, soon began to grow indifferent, and lost gradually almost every public evidence of its existence. No wonder, therefore, that our Church, in her repeated efforts for a closer union with the Reformed mother Church, made years ago, was so entirely unsuccessful. The one party with whom it was to be effected having virtually ceased to exist, or at least given up, for the time being, all interest in her denominational welfare, it was impossible to bring about the desired union.

And if the brethren on the other side of the Atlantic, were still in the same lifeless condition, respecting our Reformed interests,

it would be entirely useless for Synod to continue her efforts for the contemplated union any longer. But we are happy to state, that a great change in favor of our interest has already taken place. Soon after that desperate rebellion of the spirit of anarchy in Church and State, ever since the year 1850, a number of zealous Reformed ministers in different parts of the old country, urged on by the exclusive actions of old Lutheran fanaticism on the one hand, and by the absorbing and Lutheranizing tendency of the United Church on the other, felt themselves obliged to reinstate their own denominational conferences, in order to revive the slumbering interests of the Church and to reclaim so many of her former members and congregations, together with their valuable property, as the circumstances will permit. Nor have those conferences labored in vain; the true evangelical Reformed spirit is at work again, and has manifested itself very satisfactorily in the production of a number of highly interesting works on the Reformed Church, her history, doctrine, Christian martyrs, discipline, communion, &c., as also in the establishment of a very instructive denominational paper, the "Evangelisch Reformirte Kirchenzeitung von Erlangen," a paper which no member of the Reformed Church can read without essential benefit And, what is better still, the new Reformed interest shows its genuineness and power in the present reorganization of Classes and Synods in different parts of Germany. Ministers and members have evidently become convinced again of the blessed fact, that the Church to which they and we belong, was not Reformed, according to the views and notions of a single man, or a number of men, but according to the Holy Scriptures of the New Testament, and that, therefore, she is in duty bound, in the Providence of God, to maintain her existence and to proclaim the everlasting truths upon which she has been built. As soon as the reorganization of her Classes and Synods shall have been effected, the Reformed mother Church will be properly prepared to enter into closer union and communion with her dutiful offspring in these United States, and that happy day, as we confidently hope, is not far distant.

All the prominent Reformed brethren in Germany, as far as we can learn, are heartily in favor of union, but not of such an all-absorbing establishment as they have been laboring in these forty years at home. They desire a true scriptural union, like that of marriage, where the two parties indeed become one, and yet both husband and wife retain their individuality. There is not an ideal something beyond their matrimonial state, after which they must aspire, in order to be joined together, but they have only to be faithfully devoted in their respective spheres, and their union is complete. Whenever such a union can be established, where two or more parties, from a sense of

Christian duty, labor side by side and hand in hand for the glory of God in the salvation of souls, without losing their respective individuality, every evangelical Reformed Christian must advocate it with all his might. For such a scriptural union between the different branches of the Reformed family we have been laboring the past two years, and we can now say, with great satisfaction, that our Western Synod stands no longer alone in her efforts for the accomplishment of this noble object. Our brethren in the East, at their last Synodical meeting, have taken the same subject in hand, and appointed a committee, with instructions to labor for the speedy realization of their heartfelt desire respecting a closer union. May the Lord crown our united efforts with success, that soon we may have the pleasure to enjoy the sweet fruits of a frequent and lasting communion between the Reformed mother and daughter Churches throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST, *Chairman.*

Item 3. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed at last meeting of Synod to superintend the publication of the Inaugural Addresses, respectfully report as follows:

The Addresses were published at the Printing Establishment in Chambersburg, Pa. The number of copies published was 1200, at 4 cts, per copy; 1194 copies were sold.

The account is as follows:

Cash received by committee, - - - -		$58,69
Cash paid to M. Kieffer & Co., -	$20,00	
" " for freight on Addresses,	7,10	
" " for postage on do., - -	7,87	$34,97
Balance in hands of committee, - - -		$23,72

There remains unpaid $1,20.

According to this statement this Synod will be compelled to pay the sum of $3,08 to liquidate the debt at the Printing Establishment.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZEIBER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay M. Kieffer & Co. the sum of $3,08, being the balance still due from this Synod for the publication of the Inaugural Addresses of Prof. M. Kieffer.

Item 4. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Synod's Committee, appointed in reference to the proposed Child's Paper, would submit the following report:

Owing to indefiniteness in matters relating to the proposed Paper, your committee has not felt itself warranted to begin its publication. During the year efforts were made in various ways to elicit a general call for it, but so far the encouragement offered has been deemed insufficient, under the circumstances, to make the undertaking safe under the provisions of Synod. Comparatively few of the Classes have given any expression for its encouragement, and that upon individual responsibility has been by no means general. Another difficulty aside from the risk of obtaining at once a sufficient circulation to secure against pecuniary loss was, the outlay necessary in its beginning, which it could not be expected would be refunded without some considerable delay. This inconvenience your committee felt itself unable to meet.

On inquiry, however, in reference to the expense of publishing said Paper, it would appear that such an one as contemplated by Synod could be issued at least monthly within the cost prescribed, provided the specified circulation (of 8000) would be secured. It has also become apparent that the want of such a Paper is felt in our Church, and all that is required is at all a general interest taken in order to afford the necessary circulation. Such a publication ought very readily sustain itself within our denominational bounds.

Perhaps by no possible effort could the disadvantages arising from the grevious want of a truly German Reformed and practical *denominational literature,* be more effectually counteracted than by placing in our Sabbath Schools, and elsewhere, a Child's Paper, expressive of the history, character and genius of our Church. Unless our Church affords to her youth means of inculcating her doctrine and life, equal to those afforded by other denominations, she will be brought seriously to feel her loss in the future as she has already done in the past. Her youth as well as, and even more readily, than her adult membership will necessarily be brought to lose interest in, and attachment to the Church to which they of right belong and in the midst of which they should be taught to remain.

In view of all the facts relating to the subject, your committee would recommend that the Synod adopt some plan by which the proposed Paper may be established with the least possible delay. The following resolution we would suggest to Synod's consideration.

Resolved, That the publication of a Child's Paper for the use of the German Reformed Church be submitted to the control of the Board of Publication, and that it be hereby instructed to publish said Paper with the least possible delay, according to

the provisions of Synod. In complying with this instruction the Board is allowed to adopt such plans as it may deem most safe and advantageous.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MEASE, *Chairman.*

Item 5. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, which has been appointed by this Synod to cōoperate with a similar committee of the Eastern Synod, in the preparation of a German Hymn book, would respectfully report:

That we have effected an understanding with the Eastern committee with respect to the plan and publication of such a Hymn book, and that the two committees have divided the work among themselves, and will be able to submit the result of their joint labor to the two Synods at their next meetings for approbation or rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. ZAHNER, *Chairman.*

Item 6. No report. The committee was continued, with the substitution of the name of Rev. D. Kemmerer in the place of Rev. T. G. Apple, who has removed within the bounds of another Classis.

Item 7. This item, in view of its importance, was referred to a committee of at least one member from each Classis—committee consists of Rev. J. G. Zahner, C. Plüs, L. D. Leberman, A. Muhlmeier, S. B. Leiter, H. Rust, George B. Russell, J. H. Kline, I. S. Weisz, and J. G. Ruhl: Elders, H. Schaff, J. Bretz, T. Wassen, and G. Deuble.

This committee subsequently submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

The special committee on the German Church paper would respectfully submit the following as their report:

The question of the necessity and propriety of establishing a German Church paper for our Western Church, has for the last two years considerably agitated the minds of the German ministers of this Synod. The greater portion of our German Western Church complains, that the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" of Chambersburg, is very defective both with regard to purity of style and the proper selection of matter, and consequently that it does not entirely satisfy the wants of our Church in the West. Hence the wish on the one part, that the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" might be so modified as to meet the wants of the whole Church East and West of the mountains, and the desire on the other part that a new German Church paper for the Western portion of our Church might immediate-

ly be established. After careful consideration of the whole matter, your committee would unanimously recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod elect or appoint a German Board of Publication whose duty it shall be to confer with the Eastern Board of Publication, with a view of getting the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" of Chambersburg in such a form and condition, that it will meet the wants of the Western Church, and that in case such an arrangement be effected, the Rev. H. J. Reutenik be earnestly and affectionately requested by this Synod to merge his paper, called the "Evangelist," into the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung," thus modified, upon fair and honorable terms to be agreed upon by the two respective Boards of Publication.

2. *Resolved*, That in case the German Board of Publication elected by this Synod should fail in its efforts with regard to the desired change in the "Kirchenzeitung," it have full powers to negotiate a transfer of the "Evangelist" from the Rev. H. J. Reutenik to this Synod, and to publish that paper in the name and by the authority of this body under such title and name as the Board may agree upon, provided, however, that said paper be strictly German Reformed in tendency and spirit, and that the editor elected by this Board and placed under its immediate supervision hold his office only temporarily until this Synod has ratified his appointment.

J. G. ZAHNER, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication called for in the above report consist of three members.

A double number of candidates were nominated, whereupon Rev. J. G. Zahner, H. Rust and J. H. Kline were elected as said Board.

Item 8. See the report of the committee under the Theological Seminary.

Item 9. The President presented the following report in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, which was received and adopted:

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary having been appointed by Synod to draw up a constitution and charter for the Theological Seminary, would report, that they have endeavored to carry out the instructions of Synod. One of the members of the Board was requested to open a correspondence with the Seminary Board of the East, so as to have some guide before us as to what might be needed. With all our efforts, however, we have not been able to gain sufficient information as to what might meet the wishes of Synod. We would, therefore, if Synod should see fit to receive its request, desire some

definite instruction as to what is wanted in the present instance.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD,

Pres't. of Board.

Item 10. The Delegate, *primarius*, to the Eastern Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The undersigned, appointed by the Synod of last year, as delegate to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, respectfully reports:

That he had the pleasure of attending all the sessions of that venerable body, which convened in Reading, Pa., in the month of October, A. D., 1856.

The meeting continued one week, during which time much important business was harmoniously transacted relative to the best interests of the entire Church, as well as of that portion lying East of the mountains. The particular items of business transacted need not necessarily be referred to in this report, inasmuch as a regular copy of her minutes is now before you. It will be sufficient to refer you to the prompt actions taken upon the recommendations of the late Triennial Convention, and to the business submitted by you to that body, which was all attended to in proper order.

Your representative was most cordially received and kindly entertained. The greatest respect was, in every instance, shown him, and no question, in which the Western Church was in any way interested, was permitted to pass without his counsel. In taking leave of Synod he could not but feel that he was separating himself from brethren,—brethren too, who have a heart to feel and hands to work for the entire Church, regardless of the range of mountains that lift themselves up between us. To you, then, we are permitted to bear back again the friendly Christian greetings of a mother Church.

The amount of expenses incurred by your delegate is $37,00.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. P. C. Prugh to the amount of $18,50, being the one half of his travelling expenses, according to a former resolution of Synod on this subject.

The Rev. J. G. Zahner was excused, for not attending the Evangelical Verein, for satisfactory reasons.

Item 11. Attended to.

Item 12. The Stated Clerk reported that he had made efforts to secure the old seal of Synod, but was unsuccessful, and that he had not been able to purchase such an one as would have met the wish of Synod. On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rev. H. Rust be appointed a committee to

carry out the wishes of Synod, in view of the increased facilities he has for the accomplishment of this object.

Item 13. No report.

Item 14. Attended to.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Item 1. *Resolved*, That we regard the explanation as satisfactory.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. *Resolved*, That we acquiesce in this request, and that Rev. H. Rust and M. Kieffer be appointed a committee to act in concert with a similar committee from the East.

MINUTES OF THE TRIENNIAL CONVENTION.

Item 1. Referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. G. B. Russell, L. D. Leberman and D. B. Ernst, to act in concert with a similar committee already appointed by the East to devise a plan for the creation of such a Synod, and to suggest such modifications of the constitution as may be required.

Item 2. Referred to the same committee.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. See action of Synod on the report of the Committee on Missions.

Item 6. Referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh and S. B. Leiter, who are at liberty to adopt the appeal from the East on this subject, with such modifications as may be necessary, or draw up a separate one and publish it in the papers under the control of this Synod.

Item 7. *Resolved*, That the attention of the different Classes be directed to this subject.

Item 8. *Resolved*, That the attention of the different Classes be directed to this subject.

Item 9. Referred to the Board of Publication.

Item 10. Referred to the different Classes.

Item 11. Referred to the different Classes.

SECOND REPORT.

Items 1, 2, and 3 referred to the Board of Missions.

The recommendation as to the time and place of the next Convention, or the General Synod, provided it be determined upon by the two Synods, was adopted.

The regret of the Conference at the slim attendance of delegates and the request to Synod to note the fact, was, on motion, referred to the Classes not represented.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

Overtures.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

1. CALLS FROM VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

Item 1. Is a call from the Washingtonville charge to Solomon N. King, student from the Seminary at Tiffin, asking Synod to confirm it, and have him placed over them as their pastor.

2. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Item 1. Is a letter from Rev. P. J. Spangler, asking Synod, for reasons assigned, to excuse him for non-attendance at this meeting.

Item 2. Is a letter from Rev. George Rettig, praying Synod (*a.*) to take some action for the relief of the Akron church, and (*b.*) regretting his inability to attend the present meeting, and asking to be excused.

Item 3. Is a communication from the Rev. H. S. Bassler giving an account of his labors in a new Western field, and urging the necessity of procuring another, and younger man, who can officiate in both languages, to succeed him, as it is his intention on account of age and family afflictions, to retire from said field.

Item 4. Is a proposition from the officers of the Opechee Land Company to donate one hundred building lots in the city of Opechee to the Synod, for the purpose of building a church and parsonage, and to secure a vested fund for the support of the minister and educational purposes.

Item 5. Is a letter from Rev. D. Kroh in reference to our Missionary operations in Illinois.

Item 6. Is a letter from Rev. A. Wanner, (*a*) asking to be excused for non-attendance, and (*b*) requesting the payment of interest due on money loaned to the Theological Seminary.

3. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

Item 1. Is a complaint from Rev. C. Kuss against the Indiana Classis.

Item 2. Is a complaint of the Rev. F. Wahl against Clarion Classis for not granting him his dismission.

Item 3. Is an appeal of Rev. E. Spangler from the action of St. Joseph Classis in his suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item first, under the head of calls, was referred to the St. John's Classis, within whose bounds the charge is located.

Item 3. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. J. Excell, J. Hines and Elder P. Fluke. The committee subsequently presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the case of the appeal of the Rev. E. Spangler from the action of St. Joseph's Classis, beg leave to state, that, inasmuch as the minutes of St. Joseph's Classis are not here, they cannot act in this case, further than to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod will not confirm the action of St. Joseph's Classis until a proper hearing of the case be had.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. EXCELL, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to inform Rev. E. Spangler of the action of Synod in his case.

The report of the committee was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The committee on Classical Minutes reported. The report was received and adopted item by item, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

1. *Irregularities.*

Item 1. Miami Classis received a minister from Sandusky Classis upon a certificate of dismission to Tiffin Classis. Adopted.

2. The same Classis appointed a special committee to ordain Dr. Cornduff for the purpose of getting a constitutional number of ministers to organize a new Classis in California. Adopted.

3. Sheboygan Classis failed to send in its statistical table. It has also failed to state the locality of the place of its next annual meeting. Adopted.

4. Tiffin Classis received the Rev. J. C. Klar and J. G. Ruhl without stating from what body they were dismissed. Adopted.

5. St. Joseph's Classis has failed to send its minutes to Synod. Adopted.

6. Sandusky Classis has failed to send in its report on religion and statistics, on a separate sheet. Adopted.

2. *Requests and Recommendations.*

Item 1. Miami Classis earnestly recommends to the Board of Missions the importance and expediency of appointing at its earliest opportunity a general Superintendent of Missions.

See action of Synod on the report of the Board of Missions.

2. Sheboygan Classis recommends to have for the present but one German Church paper for all the churches East and West, that would meet the wishes of its friends and give more general satisfaction.

See the action of Synod on the German Church paper.

3. Sandusky Classis thinks it would give better satisfaction, if the Board of Publication would make an annual statement to Synod of the cost of publication of the "Missionary," with the number of subscribers and the prospects of its becoming a weekly, and to embody the same in the Minutes of Synod.

Referred to the Board of Publication.

4. Tiffin Classis recommends the project of the Sunday School paper.

Referred to the Board of Publication.

5. Clarion Classis renews its request to have the Constitution so altered, that the principle of the majority to rule may be maintained inviolate.

Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. D. B. Ernst, P. C. Prugh and L. D. Leberman, to report at the next regular meeting of Synod.

6. Clarion Classis also requests the Reverend Synod so to alter its Standing Rules, that the General Convention every third year may be discontinued.

Laid on the table till the next regular meeting of Synod to afford time for reflection.

7. Clarion Classis also renews its request respectfully and affectionately to be dismissed to the Eastern Synod.

The request was granted, when the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, 1, That the officers of Synod be instructed to give the Clarion Classis an honorable dismission to the Eastern Synod.

Resolved, 2, That the transfer of the Clarion Classis go into effect, so soon as the Eastern Synod shall concur in our wish so to alter the boundary line between the two Synods, as to embrace the territory of the Clarion Classis in the boundary of that Synod.

8. St. John's Classis requests Synod to hold in consideration the matter of publishing a German Church paper in the West, but is of opinion that the time for action is not at hand, as yet, and is against its publication as a private undertaking by individuals as well as by Synod.

See action of Synod on the German Church paper.

3. *Subjects Referred to Classes.*

Item 1. Miami Classis complied with Synod's request with reference to a Sabbath School paper and has pledged itself for one thousand copies.

Referred to the Board of Publication.

2. Miami, Lancaster and St. John's Classes, acceded to the request of Synod in directing the attention of those charges, that have not yet done anything toward the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Seminary, to take up collections in its behalf for at least five years. Adopted.

3. Miami, Lancaster and Clarion Classes acceded to Synod's request, to contribute original matter for the "Western Missionary," and also to hold yearly collections for Beneficiary Education. Adopted.

4. Lancaster, Indiana, Illinois, Clarion and Westmoreland Classes have enjoined compliance with Synod's request as regards uniformity of public worship according to the Constitution. Adopted.

5. Westmoreland Classis heartily approves of Prof. Kieffer's appointment, feels a deep interest in the Sabbath School paper, pledges itself for seven hundred copies at twelve cents annually; is unprepared to act definitely to relieve the Seminary debt; directs the attention of ministers and others to the "Western Missionary;" pledges two hundred dollars for Beneficiary Education during the year; paid its assessment of Synod.

Adopted, and referred so much as refers to the child's paper, to the Board of Publication.

6. Sheboygan Classis regrets its failure in not having sent its minutes to Synod, but intends to be more punctual hereafter, and has also made provision to pay its Synodical debts. Adopted.

7. Sandusky Classis deems it inexpedient to pledge itself for any number of copies for the Sabbath School paper, but will endeavor to raise subscriptions for the same.

Referred to the Board of Publication.

8. The same Classis expresses a warm desire for the circulation of the "Missionary," and will endeavor to increase its circulation. Adopted.

9. Indiana Classis adopted Synod's resolutions with reference to the project of the Sabbath School paper, and pledged itself for one hundred and twenty-six copies. Referred to the Board of Publication.

10. The same Classis adopted Synod's resolution with reference to its present territory until otherwise advised or directed. Adopted.

11. The same Classis is of opinion that its Eastern boundary line should be the Ohio State line, from thence to run in a northern direction to the forty-first degree of northern latitude, and from thence running in a direct western line. Laid on the table till the next meeting of Synod.

12. It regrets that, by an oversight, the name of the Rev. Kuss has been left out of its statistical table; but in view of Rev. Kuss' non-appearanee before Classis for three successive years has now erased his name from the statistical report.

13. Expresses its intention to cancel, as soon as possible, its indebtedness to Synod. Adopted.

14. Complied with Synod's request to present the subject of Beneficiary Education before their churches. Adopted.

15. Indiana Classis acquiesced in Synod's request to restore the name of Rev. Charles Kuss to the list of ministers, and assigns its reason for not dismissing him, and refers the whole subject to Synod for advice. See action of Synod on the complaint of Rev. C. Kuss.

16. Tiffin and Illinois Classes heartily approve of the project of a Sabbath School paper, and promise to give all the encouragement they can for this object. Referred to the Board of Publication.

17. Illinois Classis pledged itself for one hundred and thirty-seven copies. Referred to the Board of Publication.

18. Clarion Classis is not prepared to take any positive action on a Sabbath School paper, but is nevertheless heartily willing to leave the matter to the judgment of the ministers for the present. Referred to the Board of Publication.

19. St. John's Classis concurs in Synod's request to hold yearly collections for Beneficiary Education. Adopted.

4. *Receptions and Dismissions of Ministers.*

Miami Classis dismissed the Rev. P. H. Kroh to the Presbyterian Church; received the Rev. J. A. Leis from the Classis of Susquehanna; ordained the Licentiate, Christian Schiller, and dismissed him to the Classis of Illinois. The same Classis licensed and ordained the Licentiate Bro. George Z. Mechling; licensed and ordained the Licentiate J. M. Lefever; dismissed the Licentiate Wm. Ellers and the Rev. C. Becker to Indiana Classis; licensed and ordained Bro. Conrad Saur; received the Rev. E. F. Loeders, and dismissed the Rev. J. Baumunk to Indiana Classis.

Lancaster Classis received the Rev. P. D. Schory from the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and Rev. S. S. Rickley from the Classis of Tiffin; erased the name of the Licentiate G. W. A. Schaeffer from its ministerial roll; received the Rev. John Ruhl from St. Joseph's Classis.

Westmoreland Classis dismissed the Rev. C. F. Hoffmeirer to the Classis of Mercersburg, and Rev. Henry and Benjamin Knepper to the Classis of Illinois; received the Rev. T. G. Apple from Goshenhoppen Classis, and dismissed him again to the Zion's Classis; dismissed Rev. John Hoyman to Illinois Classis.

Sheboygan Classis licensed Mr. F. T. Grosshusch.

Sandusky Classis received Rev. L. A. Brunner from the Presbytery of Marion; ordained the Licentiate L. C. Edmonds; erased from its roll of ministers the Licentiate H. Druckenmiller for not attending the meetings of Classis for a number of years, and licensed Bro. William McCaughey.

Tiffin Classis dismissed the Rev. P. Vitz, P. Brecht, J. H. Klein to St. Joseph's Classis: dismissed the Licentiate A. B. Koplin to Westmoreland Classis; licensed P. Joerris; dismissed the Rev. H. Bentz to Lancaster Classis, Pa.; received Rev. J. C. Klar and J. G. Ruhl.

Indiana Classis received the Rev. John Baumunk from Miami Classis and the Rev. Theodore Etter from the Eastern Synod; received the Rev. M. G. I. Stern from the Lancaster Classis; dismissed the Rev. G. Long to the Classis of Maryland.

Clarion Classis received the Licentiates J. G. Shoemaker, Abner Dale and Lucian Cort from the Classis of Mercersburg, and ordained them to the gospel ministry. They also received the Rev. S. N. Callender from the Classis of Mercersburg, and dismissed Rev. F. Wahl to St. John's Classis.

St. John's Classis dismissed the Rev. C. Weiler to the Classis of Tiffin; ordained the Licentiate C. Bank as a missionary; dismissed Rev. S. K. Denius to the Classis of Miami; the Rev. Philip Becker to the Classis of Indiana; and Rev. A. Wanner to the Classis of Miami; suspended and deposed the Rev. G. Weber from the gospel ministry.

Adopted.

5. *Annual Meetings of Classes.*

1. Miami Classis meets in the Mount Carrol church, Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 1st Thursday in October, 1857, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. W. Williard, President; Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

2. Lancaster Classis meets in Basil, Fairfield county, Ohio, on the last Thursday in October, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Jos. B. Thompson, President; I. S. Weisz, Stated Clerk.

3. Clarion Classis meets in Trinity church, Brady township, Clearfield county, Pa., on the 25th day of September, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. H. F. Hartman, President; J. G. Shoemaker, Stated Clerk.

4. Westmoreland Classis meets at Kindig's church, near Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pa., on the 1st Wednesday of October, 1857, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. William Conrad, President; Rev. G. B. Russell, Stated Clerk.

5. Sheboygan Classis meets in Saron's congregation on the 1st Thursday of December, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Rev. H. A. Winter, President; J. Bossard, Secretary.

6. Sandusky Classis meets in Carrolton, Ohio, on the last Friday in September, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. H. Reiter, President; Rev. L. A. Brunner, Stated Clerk.

7. Tiffin Classis meets in Bucyrus, Ohio, on Thursday evening before the full of the moon in October, 1857, Rev. M. Stern, President; H. J. Reutenik, Stated Clerk.

8. Illinois Classis meets in West-grove, Ogle county, Illinois, on the 1st Thursday in October, 1857, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Kroh, President; Rev. F. C. Bauman, Secretary.

9. Indiana Classis meets in Boundary city, Jay county, Indiana, on the 2nd Thursday in October, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. G. H. Zumpe, President; C. Plüss, Stated Clerk.

10. St. John's Classis meets in Osnaburg, Stark county, Ohio, on the 1st Tuesday in October, 1857, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Robert Koehler, President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. HARTMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

Application for examination, licensure and ordination having been made in behalf of Solomon N. King, a student of our Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, who was regularly dismissed and recommended to Synod for this purpose, he was referred to the committee on Examination, Licensure and ordination. The committee, after a careful examination, presented the following report, which was adopted :

The committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, respectfully report :

That they have examined the applicant, S. N. King, on the different branches required by the Constitution of the Church, and having found his examination satisfactory, recommend him to Synod for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to furnish Mr. King with the regular testimonials of licensure to preach the gospel, upon his signing the constitutional Formula.

Mr. King having signed the Formula in the presence of Synod, was furnished with the testimonials of his licensure to preach the gospel.

A request having been made from the charge to which he has received a call, for his immediate ordination, it was re-

solved that Mr. King be ordained, and that the committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination attend to his ordination on Saturday night, after the regular sermon.

Mr. King, and the call placed before Synod, were both referred to the St. John's Classis, within whose bounds his field of labor lies.

ARTICLE XII.

Religion and Morals.

The committee on the State of Religion and Morals submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—The great Head of the Church, in whom we live, move and have our being, has again verified his gracious promise, "*Lo I am with you always,*" in the different Classical Reports which have been placed in the hands of your committee. The power of this ever present life of Christ in the Church, designed to elevate, reform, and sanctify a degenerate world, has worked leaven-like, during the past year in the congregations under the care of this Synod. Prominent features of progress are exhibted in the different reports of the lower judicatories. There is throughout the different Classes a tendency towards a higher view of Christianity. The supernatual power, flowing from the glorious person of the God-man has become the theme of the pulpit. Its practical results are, that the Church is returning to a fuller consciousness of the necessity and importance of the Sacraments, and the other means of grace, Christian nurture and increased activity, both among ministers and laity. Grace, in and through the atoning merits of our blessed Lord, ever present in the Church, and dispensed through its regular constituted means, has proven a blessing, and a cheering comfort to many, who but a short time since, were feeding upon the vain and perishing things of time and sense.

The reports of the different Classes present a revival of faith in the established usages and customs of the Church. Pastors and members are conscious of the importance of Christian nurture. In the family and in the lecture room, the time-honored practice of our fathers to instruct the rising generation in the doctrines of the Church becomes more prevailing. Our symbolic book, the Heidelberg Catechism, is a treasure of exhaustless comfort and consolation to thousands. Its prevailing life is rooting itself more deeply and consciously into the soil, where years ago a mere subjective Christianity prevailed. Extraordinary outpourings of the Holy Ghost have been but few. But the preaching of the Gospel, in connection with catechetical instructions and the proper use of the means of grace have had

a regular and efficacious effect. This is exemplified in a tendency manifested to revive and extend as well as multiply a churchly literature. There is also a growing disposition to lay hold of and profit by such a product.

Much yet remains, however, to be accomplished. There is a want of clear apprehension of these facts. On the one hand there is not sufficient strength in the Church to see and feel her actual weakness and imperfection; while on the other she fails to apprehend the all sufficient remedy as it is at hand in the means of grace as accessible only by the power of faith, as the result of such misapprehension. There is also a want of proper activity, on the part of the Church, in behalf of the different benevolent operations which claim our earnest attention, for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Life must always be active, it cannot be indifferent, it is the life of Christ. The reports complain of inattention on the part of ministers and congregations, in such measures which require prompt and persevering action. Truly, we need more earnestness, self-denial, fidelity, and devotion. Our membership does not fully realize that an offering of God's temporal blessings at the altar is true devotion. To many it might be said, "If thou desirest to be perfect, give all to the poor and follow me."

There is also an inattention to Christian nurture. The age is past when ignorance was called the mother of devotion. The past is to teach the Church for the future. Our Christianity is educational. Sound, intellectual and spiritual culture is the spring of our denominational stream. Ignorance is the root of superstition, credulity and narrow prejudices. The minister can only expect to labor effectually where the mind is well disciplined. Much has been done during the past year, to raise the standard of this laudable object, but still a great deal remains yet to be done. The Church ought to have more schools through which to fill our Colleges and Seminaries, and raise up an intelligent membership. May the Lord grant us abundant grace, so as to make us more zealous and earnest in our calling, and revive his Church to greater efficiency.

During the past year two of our ministerial brethren, the Rev. Adam Stump and Father Carroll, devoted servants of the Gospel, have gone to their eternal rest. Their labor is ended, but the memory of their faith, their humility, earnestness and self-denial is recorded in the history of the Church, as a lasting monument of God's grace. They bore the heat and burden of the day, but now they have entered the rest of the saints in light. May Christ graciously smile on us, and enable us to finish our course that we may hear the welcome approbation; "Well done thou faithful servant, enter into the rest prepared for thee."

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEBERMAN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Theological Seminary.

1. *Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was regularly organized shortly after the meeting of our last Synod in Tiffin. As the President of the Board had removed from Columbus to Dayton, Ohio, and most of the other members that were elected resided in and around the city of Dayton, the seat of the Board was changed to this latter place. As the old Treasurer of the Board had been a very efficient and prompt officer, and was generally and favorably known to the Church, the newly elected Board preferred to retain him in his office. The experience of the Board, however, during the past year, has convinced us of the inexpediency of this policy, inasmuch as it is impossible for the Board to act efficiently whilst one of its main officers lives at a distance from the rest. The Board has, therefore, been able to do very little in the way of collecting the notes and outstanding claims in favor of the Seminary. The preparatory steps have, however, been taken to collect as speedily as possible all the debts of the Seminary, and to invest the funds in some safe and judicious way. A small amount has been paid on the house purchased by the Synod for the use of our Theological Professor. We are sorry to say that we have not been able to meet the entire salary of our Professor, as it has become due. Had it not been for the special contributions that were secured by our Professor in his visits to different pastoral charges during the vacation, the Board would have been seriously crippled in its operations, as only a comparatively small amount of interest was paid upon the Plainfield Bonds, and but few special collections taken during the year.

The Board would refer the Synod to the report of the Treasurer for information respecting the financial condition of our Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD,

President of Board.

2. *Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

1856	In account with Seminary, German Reformed Church,	DR.
May 15.	Balance on hand,	$241,83
To Cash from Adam Hawker, note in Full,		5,00
" "	Jacob Musselman, " "	10,00
" "	H. Kumler, bond in full,	50,00
" "	John Miller, note in full,	20,00
" "	D. Rader, " "	5,00
" "	Adam Rader, Jr., note in full,	5,00
" "	S. Crumbaugh,	5,00
	Carried forward, - - - - - -	$341,83

DR.

Amount brought forward,	$341,88
To Cash from J. Heddleson, bond in full,	100,00
	$441,88

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By amount paid Josiah Hedges on House,	150,00
Balance,	$291,88

FUND FOR PROFESSOR'S SALARY.

1856. DR.

May 15, Balance on hand,	$99,83
To Cash from Rev. T. G. Apple, Greensburg congregation,	13,54
" " John Yoder, Reading, Pa., donation,	5,00
" " Samuel Hechler, " " "	5,00
" " John Reedy, interest on bond,	3,00
" " G. G. Prugh, " "	6,00
" " William Rader, " "	3,00
" " A. Faber, " "	4,80
" " Dr. G. W. Maris, interest on loan,	26,22
" " Somerset charge, on subscription plan,	49,25
" " Basil congregation, " "	22,50
" " First church, Dayton, " "	13,00
" " Fairfield charge, " "	65,50
" " Rev. R. Good's cong. " "	13,00
" " Ger. Ref. church, Tiffin, " "	49,00
" " Rev. J. C. Klar, donation,	5,00
" " " J. Escher, "	1,00
" " " P. Vitz, "	1,00
" " " M. Stern, interest on bond,	3,00
" " Stephen Hagenback, "	6,00
" " Mrs. Amelia Schmertz, "	5,00
" " J. Maurer, "	6,00
" " Abel Peterson, "	6,00
" " Daniel Wampler, "	6,00
" " Lewis Miller, "	12,00
" " John Sonnedecker, "	3,00
" " Cæsar's creek congregation, Rev. T. H. Winters,	25,00
" " Bucyrus charge, Rev. Keller,	53,00
" " Tuscarawas charge, Rev. Leiter,	44,45
" " Fulton charge, Rev. Spangler,	82,65
" " Rev. A. Wanner, collection in Jacob's,	3,47
" " " " " in Forks,	3,59
" " John Faconey, interest on bond,	3,00
" " William Marshall, " "	3,00
" " Wm. A. Charles, " "	3,00
" " L. Crist, " "	6,00
" " J. Deits, " "	3,00
" " H. Zeigler, " "	6,00
" " Sarah Dressler. " "	3,00
" " Miami Classis, in full of apportionment,	32,00
" " Westmoreland Classis, "	25,00
" " James Templen, interest on bond,	1,50
" " H. Kumler, " "	10,50
" " John Urbin, " "	6,00
" " J. Heddleson, " "	15,00
" " Jesse Prugh, " "	6,00
Carried forward, - - - - - -	$767,30

DR.

Amount brought forward,		$767,30
To Cash from Peter Badduf, " "		6,00
" " John Steel, " "		1,50
" " D. H. Prugh, " "		5,00
" " John Prugh, " "		6,00
" " J. V. Prugh, " "		3,00
" " Somerset charge, on subscriptiom,		3,75
" " Rev. R. Good's congregation,		2,00
" " Bloomville "		12,00
" " First church, Tiffin,		19,50
" " Bucyrus charge,		7,00
" " Tuscarawas charge,		12,00
" " Lithopolis charge,		5,00
" " Henry Bolt, interest on bond,		3,00
" " William Carl, " "		6,00
" " Jacob Meyer, " "		5,00
" " A. & J. Marts, and Mrs. Albert, interest on bond,		3,90
" " Fairfield charge, Rev. Baines,		13,50
" " Tiffin charge, Rev. Zieber,		22,00
" " Bucyrus charge, Rev. Keller,		4,00
" " Sheyboygan Classis,		10,00
" " A. H. Baughman, interest on bond,		6,00
" " Mrs. Mary Baughman, interest on bond,		6,00
" " Basil Ewry, " "		3,00
" " Jacob Ridenhoner, " "		4,60
" " Jacob Darner, " "		6,00
" " A. Faber, " "		4,80
" " George Schaffer, " "		3,00
" " Jacob Kuhn, " "		3,00
" " Rev. H. Williard, " "		6,00
		$959,85
CR. By amounts paid Prof. Kieffer on salary, removal expenses, and for building stable,	$769,95	
By amount paid Prof. Gerhart in full of bal.,	120,70	
" " Rev. A. Wanner on interest due him,	7,06	
" " allowed Treasurer,	20,00	
" " allowed agents for balance due on getting bonds,	7,49	$925,20
Balance on hand,		$34,65

JOHN T. BLAIN, *Treas. Theo. Sem.*

3. *Report of Treasurer on Library Fund.*

1. Treasurer of Library Fund in account with Synod of Ohio.

DR. To balance on hand from last report,	$10,00	
To cash from Rev. D. Winters, Treasurer of Miami Classis,	5,00	$15,00
CR. By cash paid M. Kieffer & Co.,	$5,00	
" " for books for Seminary Library, purchased by Prof. M. Kieffer,	10,00	$15,00

2. Due Library Fund from the Classes—

From Lancaster Classis,	$5,00	
" St. Joseph's "	5,00	$10,00

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. ZIEBER, *Treasurer.*

Carrollton, May 22, 1857.

4. *Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

The Committee on the Theological Seminary report, that the only papers coming into their hands, are the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Seminary. From an examination of these, it appears that the only item claiming the attention of Synod is the following:

The Board, during the year, has not been able to meet promptly the payment of the Professor's salary, while a large amount of dues remain still uncollected.

The Committee, therefore, recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to put into operation as speedily as possible, some plan by which the interest on bonds and notes can all be collected, and that the ministers and elders of the Church be earnestly requested to cöoperate with them in this work.

Resolved, That it be urged upon the pastors of the Church to lift special collections for the immediate wants of the Seminary.

It is to be deeply regretted that the Board of Visitors of the Seminary have presented no report for the past year. Your committee, however, have learned from Professor Kieffer, that during the past synodical year the number of students in the Seminary has not been quite so large as during the previous year. The number of dismissions has been larger than the number of accessions. Five of the students were licensed at the last meeting of Synod; in addition to these six more have been regularly dismissed within the last few months, who are all settled as regular pastors. The whole number of students now in the Seminary is nine. Their moral deportment is good, and their progress in their studies is encouraging. With but one exception, they will all be able to preach in both the German and English languages.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Rev. M. Kieffer constitute the committee on the Theological Library.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

1. *Report of the Board of Domestic Missions.*

It is with feelings of gratitude to the Head of the Church for the manifold blessings bestowed upon the members of the Missionary Board, and upon the missionaries and congregations under its care, that we offer once more a report of our operations and condition to the consideration of Synod.

The Board is at the present time sustaining more missions than at any previous period. During no year have there been so many applications for aid, so many new fields supplied, and so enlarged a prospect for future operations, as during the year just closed.

Missions continued from last year.

1. *Indianopolis, Indiana.*—The commission of the missionary at this place expired on the 1st of January, 1857. It was not renewed. The station is still aided by the Eastern Board. Rev. G. Long is succeeded by Rev. M. G. I. Stern.

2. *Wells county, Indiana.*—Under the supervision of Rev. F. W. Dechant, this mission has steadily increased in strength and ability. The commission of the missionary terminates on the 1st of September next, after which, he informs us, he will need no more aid.

3. *Jay and Randolph county, Indiana.*—Rev. J. D. Colliflower continues in this field. The growth of the congregations is retarded by continual removals.

4. *Toledo, Ohio.*—This station has recovered from the critical condition mentioned in our last report. Although the church was sold, the mission itself became the purchaser, being encouraged thereto by the prospect of a large accession of membership, and of pecuniary aid. This was realized by the dissolution of an Evangelical congregation in the same city, the Reformed portion of which connected itself with our mission. The station is now in a flourishing condition, numbering one hundred members. A systematic plan is in operation by which the payments for the church are met as they fall due. As soon as this debt is cancelled the mission will be self-supporting. Much praise is due the missionary, Rev. H. Eschmeier, for his self-denying and energetic labors.

5. *Elkhart county, Indiana.*—This mission, for many years under the care of the Board, was materially injured through the want of proper attention on the part of its former missionary. After being unsupplied for some time, it secured the services of Rev. William Ellers, who has re-organized the charge, and organized and added one congregation. The prospect now is, that this field will be prosperous. Brother Ellers was compelled during the past winter to journey on foot to his various preaching points. He has walked some Sabbaths the distance of twenty seven miles, and preached three sermons besides. He deserves the assistance of the friends of missions in procuring an easier and speedier method of reaching his appointments.

New Missions.

6. *English Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio.*—This mission has been

taken formally under our care. The congregation was organized last August with fourteen members. According to the last quarterly report, dated April 1st, it now numbers twenty-four. Efforts were being made to purchase a suitable lot whereon to erect a house of worship. This mission has now obtained a footing, and, though yet weak, there is no reason to doubt its ultimate success. We need it, in order to provide a spiritual home for the children of our German congregation, who are growing up under educational influences prevailingly English. The fostering care of the Church should be extended to this mission, so as to enable it, at an early day, to erect a church. Bro. Samuel Mease, our missionary, has proven himself qualified for the work in which he is engaged. His support is not sufficient to cover his expenses. We recommend to the Board to be elected at this Synod an increase of the present appropriation.

7. *German congregation, Dayton, Ohio.*—This congregation, served by Rev. Mr. Loeders, being unable to give its pastor a comfortable support, has solicited and received a small appropriation for one year. Not yet having received a report from the pastor, we are not able to give a statement of its present condition.

8. *Darke county, Ohio, charge.*—This charge, Rev. J. M. Lefever, pastor, has received aid to a small amonnt during the past year. The commission expires on the 26th inst. Its renewal is requested.

9. *Terre Haute, Indiana.*—Through the agency of Rev. G. H. Zumpe, a congregation was organized in this city nearly a year ago, and was taken under our care. The congregation has an interest in a house of worship. Rev. C. Becker, having received a call from the members, was commissioned by the Board. The mission is yet small, but having a large German population to work upon, we have reason to believe that it will become in time large and important.

10. *Seymour, Jackson county, Indiana.*—Rev. J. Baumunk is in charge of this place and vicinity. He has succeeded in organizing a congregation numbering thirty-five members. They worship at present in the Presbyterian Church. According to the last report, they were engaged in erecting a school house for congregational and sabbath school purposes. The proprietor of the town has also promised to donate them a lot for the erection of a church edifice.

11. *Clay and Owen county, Indiana.*—Rev. Theodore Etter, laboring by direction of Indiana Classis in this field, has been furnished lately with a commission. The prospects are represented as quite promising.

12. *Beardstown, Illinois.*—The attention of the Board was

called for some time to this destitute field. Rev. C. Schiller was sent out to explore, whose report was so favorable, that he was commissioned to labor statedly there. Not sufficient time has elapsed to obtain from him a quarterly report.

13. *Massillon, Ohio.*—This mission has been supported jointly by the Eastern Board and Sandusky Classis, the latter reporting the amount paid through the Western Board. Serious difficulties are embarrassing this mission. Their church is closed, and the people are without a pastor. It is hoped that the Sandusky Classis will be able to bring these difficulties to a satisfactory adjustment. The Eastern Board desires that we should henceforth take the supervision of this station.

14. *Corydon, Harrison county, Indiana.*—A number of German families have settled in this place and vicinity, who have appealed to us to send them a minister. We offered commissions to three brethren in succession, but without success. The difficulty in the way is the want of sufficient support, the Board not being willing to appropriate so large an amount as the brethren to whom the commissions were extended believed necessary.

15. An application for aid has come from a newly organized congregation in Adams county, Indiana. They are supplied by Rev. P. Vitz. They have erected a church and parsonage, and for this cause feel themselves unable to support their pastor. They desire an appropriation of $100 per year, for a few years. From the knowledge we have of the field and pastor, we believe them deserving of assistance. We have, however, made no appropriation, as this application reached us but a week ago. We recommend this point to the favorable attention of the new Board.

The want of means alone has prevented us from establishing missions at other destitute points, whose wants and importance have been made known to the Church through the columns of the "Western Missionary."

Superintendent of Missions.

The Board, after due deliberation, declined electing a Superintendent of Missions, which matter was left by last Synod to its judgment and decision. We were governed in this action by various considerations, such as the uncertainty necessarily attending new enterprizes, the fear of not being able to sustain a Superintendent, and the difficulty of finding a suitable man willing to undertake the work. Quite recently the Eastern Board has elected a member of our Synod to this Agency. He has not yet signified his acceptance.

We have endeavored, however, to supply, in part, the place of a Superintendent, by sending out exploring missionaries for short periods. Rev. G. Long, G. H. Zumpe, W. Ellers, J. Weaver, and

C. Schiller have rendered efficient service in this way, at but trifling cost to the Board. Rev. A. Stump had accepted a commission to visit Iowa, but before he could undertake the work, the Lord called him to his rest above. This commission was then tendered to the Rev. J. H. Buser, who, however, deemed it too late in the year to visit a so distant and newly settled country.

Certificates of Life Membership.

We have waited in vain, thus far, for the Eastern Board to prepare certificates of Life Membership. Our own resources are too small to justify the expense of procuring them. We trust that it will not be long before measures will be adopted to obtain such certificates. Until then, we would ask those who have been constituted Life Members, to wait with patience.

Financial Condition.

The Treasurer's report exhibits again an increase in the receipts. The sum of $1017,03 has been at the disposal of the Board during the year. This is more than double the amount received but three years ago. It is gratifying to have this evidence of progress. Slowly our pastors and people are awakening to a sense of the duty and importance of the Home Missionary work. From the advance made in the past few years, we may look forward in hope, to the time when our Synod will contribute to this cause an amount proportionate to its strength and ability.

An examination of the Treasurer's report discloses the fact that not more than one fourth of the charges within our bounds, have contributed to this cause. The reason of this lies, we fear, not in the want of means, but in the want of a missionary spirit. Synod should devise such plans as will obtain a collection from every congregation, at least once per year. This should be done not solely that our funds may be increased, but also for the spiritual good of the congregations contributing. For it is a truth taught by Scripture, and confirmed by universal experience, holding good with regard to congregations equally with individuals, that "the liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself;" that "he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." It will be a blessed thing for our Church, when all of us shall know by experience that giving to the cause of Christ is a means of grace.

Of the pledges given at the last Synodical Missionary Anniversary, nearly one third have not been redeemed. This would have seriously embarrassed the Board in meeting its appropriations, made upon the strength of these pledges, had not the contributions from other sources been larger than anticipated.

During the year the Board lost the sum of $25,00, forwarded to one of its missionaries. The letter in which this sum had been securely enclosed, reached its destination, but open, and rifled of its contents. Another letter containing $10,00, forwarded two months ago, has not yet reached the person to whom it was addressed. We fear that it also is a loss.

Board of Church Extension.

The Missionary Board was constituted by last Synod as a Board of Church Extension. Nothing has been done in this direction. No monies have been received. The notes in the Treasury of the former Board have not yet been transmitted to us. It has been thought best to leave them in their care, as they have better facilities for their collection.

Valedictory.

In closing this report, the President and Synodical members of the Board, desire to return their thanks to Synod for the confidence repeatedly reposed in them in entrusting so important a work to their hands. They respectfully decline a reelection. There are so many other matters of general interest to the Church, claiming their attention, arising from the location of our Institutions at Tiffin, that they are not able to devote such attention to the Home Missionary work as its growing importance demands. May the blessing of God continue to rest upon this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. K. ZIEBER,

President of Missionary Board.

Tiffin, Ohio, May 19th, 1857.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States, in account with J. U. HECKERMAN, *Treasurer.*

	CR.
Balance in Treasury at settlement, May, 1856,	$ 183,18
By Cash from Elder A, Beam, in full of life membership,	10,00
" " received of Elder A. Beam, A. Allebaugh and B. Kimmel, each 5,00, to constitute Rev. L. D. Leberman a life memb.,	15,00
" " from Elder A. Beam, Mrs. J. T. Blain, Mrs. E. Swander, Mrs. C Stoner, Miss M. Heilman, each one dollar toward constituting Rev. J. Rebaugh a life member,	5,00
" " from Rev. Eli Keller 3,00, and Rev. J. H. Klein 1,00, toward constituting Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., a life member,	4,00
" " from G. S. Feighner and Peter Meyers, each 1,00, toward constituting Rev. Prof. Reutenik a life member,	2,00
Carried forward, - - - - -	$219,18

		CR.
	Amount brought over,	$219,18
By Cash	from Mrs. Shank, George Swander, each 1,00, John Poorman 3,00, toward constituting Mrs. J. H. Good a life memb.,	5,00
" "	from Miss C. Hall 1,00, Rev. J. Rebaugh 2,00, collection 4,00, toward constituting N. Brewer a life member,	7,00
" "	from Elder J. Reitzell, toward constituting Rev. D. Kroh a life member,	5,00
" "	from Rev. L. D. Leberman, toward constituting Mrs. Prof. Kieffer a life member,	5,00
" "	from G. S. Feighner and N. Brewer, each 1,00, toward constituting Mrs. R. Good a life member,	2,00
" "	from James Toner, toward constituting Rev. J. Pelan a life member,	5,00
" "	from G. S. Feighner, toward constituting Rev. R. Good a life member,	2,00
" "	from Elder Nicodemus, toward constituting Rev. J. M. Lefever a life member,	1,00
" "	collection,	51
" "	from Rev. J. G. Ruhl, collected in Jacob's church, Marion, Ohio,	3,00
" "	from D. Kemmerer, in full of pledge at Xenia, to constitute Rev. G. B. Russell of Pittsburg a life member,	15,00
" "	also to constitute Mr. J. Sonnendecker a life member,	17,37
" "	from Rev. George Long collected during visit,	10,70
" "	from Rev. F. W. Dechant,	9,16
" "	from Rev. T. G. Apple, Greensburg Harvest collection,	6,93
" "	from Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. Long, each 1,00, toward constituting Rev. J. Rebaugh a life member,	2,00
" "	from Elder C. Myers, towards constituting Mrs. M. J. Good a life member,	3,00
" "	from G. B. Lahr, toward constituting Rev. J. M. Lefever a life member,	1,00
" "	from Miamsburg charge, to constitute John Oldfather and Rev. I. H. Reiter life members,	30,00
" "	from Rev. P. C. Prugh, collected in Xenia charge, to constitute Jonathan Snyder, Sr., Ebenezer Steel, Samuel Crumbaugh and Mrs. Elizabeth Faber, life members,	60,00
" "	from Rev. P. C. Prugh, toward constituting Mrs. Rev. M. Kieffer a life member,	5,00
" "	from Mrs. P. C. Prugh, toward constituting Rev. J. W. Nevin, D. D., a life member,	5,00
" "	from Rev. P. C. Prugh, toward constituting Mrs. J. H. Good a life member,	1,00
" "	from Rev. P. C. Prugh, toward constituting Mrs. R. Good a life member,	1,00
" "	from Mr. P. Tendig, toward constituting Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., a life member,	3,00
" "	from Mr. P. Tendig, toward constituting Rev. Prof. Reutenik a life member,	1,00
" "	from Rev. J. B. Kneist, toward constituting Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., a life member,	3,00
" "	from N. A. Loose and G. Salter, toward constituting Rev. Prof. Reutenik a life member,	2,00
" "	from Lewis Keller, toward constituting Rev. D. Rush a life member,	2,00
	Carried forward, - - -	$432,85

		CR.	
		Amount brought over,	$432,85
By Cash		from Rev. J. G. Ruhl, collected in Marion, Ohio, to constitute himself a life member,	15,00
"	"	from Rev. H. Williard, pledged at Xenia,	5,00
"	"	from Jacob Kuhn to constitute his wife a life member,	15,00
"	"	" " " toward constituting Rev. J. Rebaugh a life member,	1,00
"	"	from Rev. G. Long, to constitute Mrs. H. Rust a life member,	10,00
"	"	from Rev. G. Long, to constitute Mrs. J. H. Good a life member,	1,00
"	"	from Rev. G. Long, to constitute Rev. D. Kroh a life memb.,	1,00
"	"	" " " " " P. Schaff, D. D., a life member,	2,00
"	"	from St. John's Classis, per Rev. D. Kemmerer,	30,00
"	"	from Elder Robb, towards constituting Mrs. H. Rust a life member,	5,00
"	"	from Amos Robb,	1,00
"	"	from Elder Kitson, collected by Rev. J. H. Klein in Elkhart charge,	9,00
"	"	from Rev. J. H. Klein, collected in Fort Wayne,	5,00
"	"	from Rev. George Long, collected in Fort Wayne Mission,	10,00
"	"	from Rev. Eli Keller, of Bucyrus,	5,00
"	"	from Rev. C. H. Reiter, to constitute G. Hewit a life memb.,	15,00
"	"	from Mr. Thomas Swander, Tiffin,	5,00
"	"	from Mrs. Keilholtz, "	1,00
"	"	from Mr. Lewis Shriver, to constitute Mrs. Catharine Shriver a life member,	15,00
"	"	from Rev. M. Kieffer and Lady, to constitute Rev D. Winters a life member,	15,00
"	"	from Snutcauph, per the hands of the Rev. Prof. Reutenik,	1,00
"	"	from a Friend of Missions, Fort Wayne, per Rev. J. H. Klein,	10,00
"	"	from Rev. J. H. Buser, toward constituting Rev. J. M. Lefever a life member,	5,00
"	"	from Rev. P. Roser, collected at Bremen, Ohio,	5,00
"	"	from the Ger. Ref. Sab. School, Xenia, Ohio,	10,00
"	"	from the children of Mrs. C. Prugh, to constitute her a life member,	15,00
"	"	from Dayton charge, to constitute Philip Rike a life memb.,	15,00
"	"	from Rev. J. Weaver, Bremen, Ohio,	5,50
"	"	from Rev. F. W. Dechant, Wells county, Ind., mission,	8,21
"	"	from Rev. J. D. Zehring, Bernville, Pa., for Wells county Ind. mission,	17,00
"	"	from the Ger. Ref. congregation, Lawrenceburg, Indiana,	10,00
"	"	from Brothers Persingers, Gallion, Ohio,	2,00
"	"	from Elder Samuel Kridler, Tiffin, Ohio,	3,00
"	"	from Frederick Hawker, to constituto his daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Wiggam a life member,	15,00
"	"	from Rev. J. J. Esher, toward constituting Rev. P. Schaff, D. D., a life member,	3,00
"	"	from J. T. Bacher, Tiffin, toward constituting Mrs. J. H. Good a life member,	2,00
"	"	from Mr. John Goss, toward constituting Mrs. R. Good a life member,	1,00
		Carried forward - - - -	$726,56

	CR.	
	Amount brought over,	$726,56
By Cash	from Rev. R. Good, toward constituting N. Brewer a life member,	8,00
" "	from Mrs. S. G. Zieber, toward constituting the Rev. J. Rebaugh a life member,	1,00
" "	from Rev. W. K. Zieber,	5,00
" "	from Mr. Jesse Prugh, toward constituting the Rev. J. M. Lefever a life member,	5,00
" "	from Rev. J. M. Lefever, toward contituting Mrs. R. Good a life member,	1,00
" "	from Rev. J. W. Hamm of Manchester charge,	5,00
" "	from Rev. W. Conrad, toward constituting Rev. Prof. Kieffer a life member,	5,00
" "	from Westmoreland Classis, per Rev. W. Conrad,	5,00
" "	from Mr. Jacob Thomas, Springfield, Ohio,	5,00
" "	from Rev. D. Winters and Mrs. R. Good, to constitute Rev. Prof. Kieffer a life member,	15,00
" "	from Rev. H. Rust, to constitute Mrs. Rev. George Long, Rev. Conrad Saure and Rev. Samuel Mease life members,	45,00
" "	from Rev. H. Rust, for missions,	5,00
" "	from Rev. C. Schiller, collected at Beardstown, Ill.,	87,00
" "	from Mrs. J. Smith, toward constituting the Rev. J. Rebaugh a life member,	1,00
" "	from Mr. John D. Gonger, toward constituting Mrs. R. Good a life member,	1,00
" "	from Rev. P. Roser, Bremen, Ohio,	8,00
" "	from Rev. G. H. Zumpe, the legacy of a young man,	5,00
" "	from Rev. L. C. Edmonds, collected in charge, to constitute himself a life member,	15,00
" "	from the Tuscarawas charge, to constitute Elder J. Bretz a life member,	15,00
" "	from Elder J. Bretz, to constitute Rev. J. M. Lefever a life member,	8,00
" "	from the Treasurer of Sandusky Classis,	42,47
" "	from the Rev. J. Klingler, to constitute Hon. C. Crites a life member,	15,00
" "	from Mrs. Jane A. Heckerman, to constitute Rev. J. Pelan a life member,	5,00
" "	from Dr. J. U. Heckerman, to constitute Rev. W. K. Zieber a life member,	5,00
" "	from the Rev. J. Pelan, toward constituting Mrs. J. G. Zieber a life member,	5,00
" "	from the Rev. G. Z. Mechling and others, to constitute Rev. Prof. M. Kieffer a life member,	8,00
" "	from Pittsburg mission, towards constituting Mrs. A. Schmertz and G. F. Rahauser life members,	30,00
" "	from Rev. G. B. Russell, to constitute Dr. J. W. Nevin a life member,	5,00
		$1,017.08

DR.	
To Cash paid Rev. P. Roser,	$ 10,00
" " " G. Long,	13,70
" " " J. D. Colliflower.	13,00
" " " S. Mease,	50,00
" " " P. Roser,	20,00
" " " F. W. Dechant,	9,16
" " " H. Eschmeier,	25,00
" " Mission at Massillon,	106,47
" " Rev. W. Ellers,	24,26
" " " " "	50,00
" " " J. D. Colliflower,	12,00
" " " J. M. Lefever,	13,00
" " " S. Mease,	25,00
" " " H. Eschmeier,	25,00
" " " G. Long,	20,00
" " " J. M. Lefever,	12,00
" " " J. D. Colliflower,	15,00
" " " C. Becker,	37,50
" " " S. Mease,	25,00
" " " J. Baumunk,	25,00
" " " J. Weaver,	20,00
" " " W. Ellers,	20,00
" " " F. W. Dechant,	25,21
" " " H. Eschmeier,	25,00
" " " C. Becker,	37,50
" " " J. D. Colliflower,	10,00
" " " J. M. Lefever,	13,00
" " " J. Baumunk,	25,00
" " " Samuel Mease,	25,00
" " " J. M. Lefever,	12,00
" " " H. Eschmeier,	25,00
" " " C. Schiller, travelling expenses,	37,00
" " Postage and stationary, registry and express,	7,00
" " Rev. H. Eschmeier,	25,00
" " Pittsburg mission,	15,00
To bad notes received,	6,00
	$853,80
Balance in the Treasury,	163,23
	$1,017.03

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions would make the following report:

The documents placed in the hands of your Committee were the following:

1. The report of the Board of Missions. From this report we learn, that aid has been extended to thirteen stations during the past year, with gratifying results, in the most of instances. This calls for gratitude on our part towards the great Head of the Church, and an increased effort to supply the destitute portions of our Western Zion with the stated preaching

of the Gospel. Continually are requests made of the Board from different parts of the Church to send some one to break to them the bread of life, which requests, in some cases, can only imperfectly, and in others not at all, be granted.

The Church should, in some way, be brought to feel the obligation resting on her of securing men and means for the accomplishment of the great missionary work committed to her care.

We are glad to learn from this report, an increase of contributions and interest in the great cause of Missions during the past year. Still the Board have frequently felt themselves embarrassed in their operations, as many of the pledges made at the last meeting of Synod have not been redeemed.

The Board, after due consideration, declined electing a Superintendent of Missions, but state that the Eastern Board has elected a member of this Synod to this agency.

2. The second document is the report of the Treasurer, from which we learn that the receipts during the past year, were $1017,03, and the expenditures $853,80, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $163,23. The increase of the past year over the former year, is $180,20. It is encouraging to learn that the contributions have been on the increase for the few last years, and we still hope that a larger increase awaits us in the future.

Your Committee would respectfully offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the several Classes be requested to urge each minister to take up annual collections for Domestic Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That those brethren who made pledges at the last meeting of Synod, be requested to redeem the same as soon as possible, and that the Board write to those brethren to that effect.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod feels the importance of an immediate appointment of a Superintendent of Missions, and cordially concurs in the appointment of the Eastern Board of Domestic Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. BAINES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *Treasurer*,

1855 In acc't with Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States, Dr.

May 17,	To balance from former Treasurer,	$ 5,58
" 20,	" Tiffin Classis, permanent apportionment by Prof. J. H. Good, in part, for 1855,	5,00
" 21,	" Sandusky Classis, permanent apportionment by J. Bretz, for 1855,	20,00
Aug. 20,	" Tiffin Classis, permanent apportionment by Rev. W. K. Zieber, in part for 1855,	16,50
Oct. 27,	" Illinois Classis, permanent apportionment by Rev. G. Weber, for 1856,	6,00
" 28	" Tiffin Classis, on apportionment of $200 by Synod in 1855, in full,	25,00
" "	" Tiffin Classis, per " in part, for 1856,	3,50
" 29,	" Miami Classis, deficit of last year, in full, by Rev. D. Winters,	9,00
" "	" Miami Classis, per apportionment for 1856, in full,	31,50
" "	" " " on " of $200 by Synod in 1855 in full,	32,00
" "	" Clarion " per " for 1856, in full,	12,00
Nov. 14,	" St. Joseph " " " " "	9,00
" 19,	" Westmoreland Classis, on " of $200 by Synod in 1855, in full,	25,00
Dec. 20,	" Tiffin Classis, per apportionment for 1856 in full,	15,00
1857.		
May 21,	" Indiana " " " in part,	6,50
" "	" " " on " of $200 by Synod in 1855, in full,	5,00
" "	" Saudusky Classis on " of " " " in full,	20,00
" 22,	" Cash from Rev. W. K. Zieber on Prof. Kieffer's Inaugural Address,	23,72
" "	" Order from " " on Rev. J. Rebaugh,	1,20
" 23,	" St. John's Classis, per apportionment for 1856, in full,	27,00
		$298,50

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May 17,	By Cash for blank "Formula" book for Synod,	$ 30
" 21,	" paid sexton of Tiffin congregation, by order of Synod,	5,00
" "	" " Prof. J. H. Good, on order, in part,	25,00
Aug. 20,	" " Rev. W. K. Zieber, as delegate to Eastern Synod for 1855,	16,50
Oct. 29,	" " Rev. G. W. Williard for Clerk fees, Minutes, &c., in full,	49,00
" "	" " J. T. Blain, on amount borrowed by Synod, of Theological Seminary,	32,00
" "	" " Prof. J. H. Good, on order, in full,	14,00
Nov. 6,	" " M. Kieffer & Co., on account, in part,	25,00
	Crrried forward, - - - -	$ 166,80

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				Amount brought over,	$166,80
Nov. 20,	By Cash paid			J. T. Blain, on amount borrowed by Synod, of Theological Seminary,	25,00
Dec. 25,	"	"		M. Kieffer & Co., on account, in part,	23,00
May 12, '57	"	"		for stationary and paper,	80
May 23,	"	"		M. Kieffer & Co., on account in full,	25,00
May 23,	"	"		Order to M. Kieffer & Co., on Rev. J. Rebaugh,	1,20
May 23,	"	"		" " on publishing Inaug. Add.,	26,80
May 25,				Balance in the Treasury,	29,90
					$298,50

The amounts still due on the permanent apportionment of Synod, established in 1850, of $1,50 to each minister, are as follows, viz:

Westmoreland	Classis	for 1856,	$ 7,50
Sandusky	"	in all,	25,00
Indiana	"	"	13,00
Sheboygan	"	for 1856,	6,00
St. John's	"	for 1855,	22,50
Lancaster	"	for 1856,	13,50
			$88,00

The following three Classes are still in arrears on the apportionment of $200, made by Synod in 1855, namely:

Lancaster,	$25,00
Clarion,	25,00
St. Joseph,	5,00
	55,00

Every effort has been made by the Treasurer during the past synodical year to collect all back standing dues, and to pay off all claims against the Synod. In this he has succeeded to a great extent. The entire claim of Messrs. M. Kieffer & Co., at Chambersburg, Pa., has been paid A loan of $110,75 from Mr. Frederick Swander, and also a balance of $100 incurred by the removal of our Institutions to Tiffin, remain still unpaid. As there has been no provision made for the liquidation of these accounts, the attention of Synod is directed to the same.

In conclusion, the Treasurer would request Synod to urge upon all delinquent Classes the importance and expediency of settling all dues as soon as possible; and kindly admonish to promptness and punctuality in the future. By such a course of action, our financial affairs will become more prosperous, and

the character and credit of both the Synod and Church will become more purely and permanently established.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer of Synod.*

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report:

That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, from which it appears that he received, during the year, the sum of $292,92. Balance on hand from last year $5,58, whole amount received $298,50, and paid out the sum of $298,50.

In the report of the Treasurer of Synod, the attention of this Synod is called to moneys loaned from several individuals, amounting in all to the sum of $210,75, for the payment of which no provision has yet been made.

From this report, the following Classes have failed to meet their respective apportionments, as required by a rule established in 1850, requiring the payment of $1.50 per each minister:

Westmoreland Classis,	for 1856,		$ 7,50
Sandusky	"	in all,	25,00
Indiana	"	"	13,50
Sheboygan	"	for 1856,	6,00
St. John's	"	for 1855,	22,50
Lancaster	"	for 1856,	13,50
			$88.00

The following three Classes are still in arrears on the apportionment of $200 made by the Synod in 1855, namely:

Lancaster Classis,	$25,00
Clarion "	25,00
St. Joseph's, "	5,00
	$55,00

In view of these delinquencies, your Committee urge the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod hereby urgently renews its request to delinquent Classes, that they make arrangements at the earliest possible period for the payment of the amounts still due by them respectively.

Resolved, That the sum of $210,75 be apportioned among the different Classes of this Synod to meet its indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee of one from each Classis was ap-

pointed to apportion the sum of $210,75 among the several Classes of Synod. The committee consists of Rev. D. Winters, J. J. Excell, J. G. Shoemaker, D. Kemmerer, I. S. Weiz, F. W. Dechant, A. Mühlmeier, J. D. Colliflower, W. K. Zieber, and Elder J. J. Painter. The committee reported that they had made the following apportionment, which was adopted:

Miami Classis $40,00, St. John's $28,00, Sheboygan $8,00, Clarion $18,00, Tiffin $32,00, Lancaster $20,00, Westmoreland $18,00, Sandusky $14,00, St. Joseph $12,00, Indiana $16,00, and Illinois $8,00, in all $214.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

Elections.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report according to the requirements of the Standing Rules. The report was received and adopted, and the following persons elected. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was elected on the first day of the session of Synod, according to the requirements of the Charter, and organized by the election of its officers on the following day.

1. *Delegate to Eastern Synod.*

Rev. George B. Russell, *Primarius;* Rev. A. Wanner, *Secundus.*

2. *Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. Winters, George W. Williard, Peter C. Prugh, Jos. H. Dryden, Thomas Shaffer, G. G. Prugh, J. T. Blain.

3. *Board of Missions.*

Rev. P. C. Prugh, T. H. Winters, A. H. Baughman, D. Rader, George W. Williard.

4. *Board of Trustees of Heidelburg College.*

Lewis Baltzell, Wm. Barrick, Thomas Swander, Ezra Derr, Wm. Keilholts.

None reported to the Clerk from the different Classes.

5. *Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. Prof. R. Good, Prof. H. J. Reutenik, J. J. Escher, J. U. Heckerman, Eli Keller.

6. *Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. Eli Keller, I. H. Reiter. J. U. Heckerman, L. Shriver, G. Z. Mechling.

7. *Board of Publication.*

Rev. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, T. H. Winters, G. G. Prugh, B. C. Taylor.

ARTICLE XVII.

Publication.

The Board of Publication presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Publication:

The Board of Publication would submit the following report for the consideration of Synod:

"The Western Missionary" has been published during the year 1856 according to the original contract, at the city of Dayton, under the editorial supervision of the Rev. George W. Williard. It has been issued regularly every two weeks, and its importance and usefulness, as a channel of religious truth and knowledge to the Church, are very generally conceded by its friends, patrons and readers. The manner in which it has been edited and published, as well as its varied contents, has also been well appreciated, and its future continues hopeful and promising.

During the year, commencing with January 1, 1856, and ending with January 1, 1857, the subscription list has been increased some, and is now higher and better than it has been at any previous period, since the project of publishing the "Missionary" was first carried into effect. This increase of subscribers has been gradually going forward ever since the present Editor took charge of the paper. The present number of subscribers is about twenty-two hundred. But efforts should not be wanting to increase this number at least one-fourth or one-third, and thus give more character and efficiency to the whole affair. That this desirable end could be accomplished, there can be no doubt, if every portion of the Church within the bounds of the Synod would feel properly interested in the matter, and put forth efforts commensurate with the importance of the enterprise. The special attention of the Synod is directed to this part of the report for three reasons:

1. Because, by increasing the subscription list to the "Missionary," its circulation will be extended, its usefulness and influence will be brought to bear with increased power on the spiritual interests of the Church, and its pecuniary life and relations will become permanently and securely established.

2. Because it will facilitate an early realization of the desire of having it made a weekly publication.

3. Because the Board, at a meeting held at Dayton, on the 26th of November, 1856, authorized the Editor to erase from

the list all delinquent subscriptions to the "Missionary" of over three years standing, if not paid by the first of March, 1857. The Editor, at least in part, has complied with this request, and hence new subscriptions should be raised to counterbalance the loss.

It may also be stated, in this connection, that there is a large number of subscriptions, running from one to two years, which remain as yet unpaid. Punctuality in payment on subscriptions is very desirable and important, and the plan of paying *in advance* is very strongly recommended by the Board.

The expenses of publishing the "Western Missionary" from January 1st, 1856, to January 1st, 1857, are as follows:

Composition, Press-work and Paper,	$1,100,00
The labor of mailing,	150,00
Postage and stationary,	30,00
Percentage to Agents,	70,00
Total,	$1,350,00
The total receipts for the year 1856, is	1,680,00
	$280,00

From this statement, it will be seen that a balance of $280,00 is left for editorial compensation. And it is believed from present indications, that it will be somewhat better for the year 1857; for old accounts appear to be paid in more readily than heretofore, and it is also hoped that the system of paying in advance will be more generally adopted. This hope grounds itself on the fact that many of the old worthless subscriptions have been dropped, and new ones of a better character added.

Finally, as there appears to be a desire on the part of some, to have the "Western Missionary" published as a *weekly*, and also to know what the cost of such a publication would be, we shall endeavor to give the desired information, so far as we can lay claim to facts and figures.

Then, if the question be asked, can the "Western Missionary" be sustained as a weekly at the present subscription price, and with the present number of subscribers? the Board would unhesitatingly reply, *No*. The expense of a weekly issue, if the cost, under the present arrangement, is a safe criterion, will be no less than $2,700,00 a year. To realize this amount, the present number of subscribers would have to be more than doubled, as the expenses of publishing would, no doubt, be very nearly again as much; and, in the event of a weekly issue, the whole time and attention of the Editor would necessarily be required, and hence also a considerable increase in his salary. In view of all this, it is the honest opinion of the Board, that a weekly publication should not be attempted without raising

the subscription price to $1,50, and the number of subscribers to about 2,500. With a basis and arrangement of this kind, the attempt might probably be made with safety and success. Short of this, it is believed the attempt will prove a failure.

In conclusion, the whole subject is submitted to the candid and prayerful consideration of Synod, with the fond hope, that such "ways and means" will be devised and adopted, as shall result in making the "Western Missionary" an increasingly valuable, efficient and useful instrument in promoting the best interests of the Church.

In behalf of the Board,

ISAAC H. REITER,

Sec'y. of the Board of Publication.

Miamisburg, O., May 13, 1857.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Standing Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that they learn with great pleasure from the report of the Board of Publication, that the "Western Missionary" continues to enjoy the confidence and increased patronage of the Church, and is doing a good work in the way of disseminating light and knowledge on all subjects of interest and importance to our beloved Zion. It is to be regretted, however, that the indirect efforts which have from time to time been made to change it to a weekly visitor to our families, have thus far been unsuccessful—owing partly to the difficulty of collecting all the arrearages, and partly to the fact, that not all our ministers and charges have felt the necessary interest in extending its circulation. There can be no doubt that a sufficient number of subscribers, regularly paying subscribers, might be obtained to accomplish this end, were the entire Church, as one man, to undertake the work. Your Committee would suggest the importance of this matter to the consideration of Synod, in the confident hope, that a solemn resolution will be passed, to the effect that an *earnest endeavor* be made by *every minister* and *elder* in our bounds, to furnish *every family* in their respective charges with a weekly copy of the "Western Missionary." Therefore, your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be most earnestly requested of every minister and elder, in the bounds of this Synod, to make an immediate and determined effort to secure the subscription of every male member or heads of families in the bounds of their respective charges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BUSER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

Heidelberg College.

The Committee on Heidelberg College reported through its Chairman, the Rev. H. Rust, that no documents had been placed in their hands, and that they could not, therefore, make any definite or extended report of the state and prospects of our Institution, whereupon the following resolutions were passed :

1. *Resolved*, That Synod deeply regrets the failure of the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College to furnish a regular report, thus depriving us of any reliable information respecting the condition of our Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod respectfully requests the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College hereafter to transmit a regular annual report of the state and condition of the Institution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of the different Classes be instructed to report immediately to the Board of Trustees the names of such members as have been elected by the several Classes.

4. *Resolved*, That hereafter the names of the Trustees elected by the several Classes be embodied in the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes.

ARTICLE XIX.

Education.

1. *Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.*

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer,*

In acc't. with the Board of Education of the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States of the German Reformed Church.

1856		DR.
May 15,	To balance in the Treasury,	$ 5,89
" " "	Cash from Rev. P. C. Prugh, collected in Xenia,	5,00
" " " "	Mrs. Mary Giesy, contribution,	5,00
" " " "	contributed at Synod, Rev. J. W. Hamm, $5, P. C. Prugh 5, I. H. Reiter 5, I. S. Weisz 5, W. K. Zieber 5, George Long 5, W. Conrad, 5, M. Kieffer 5. Elders Schneider 1, Beam 1, Krider 1, Kimmel 1, Rev. J. Klingler 1, and Daniel Kroh 5,	50,00
" " " "	Rev. W. Conrad, collected,	13,55
" " " "	Rev. C. H. Reiter, "	9,00
May 29, " "	Rev. C. Sheel, "	8,00
" " " "	Rev. T. G. Apple, " for particular student,	10,00
June 17, " "	Rev. P. Herbrook,	2,51
	Carried forward, - - -	$103,45

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1856.	Amount brought over,	$103,45
June 25,	To Cash from Mr. H. Nacher, per Rev. George Long,	5,00
" " " "	Rev. J. G. Ruhl, collected at Marion,	2,00
July, 21, " "	Mr. A. Beam, col. in Sab. School for particular student,	10,00
Aug. 1, " "	Rev. M. Kieffer,	5,00
" 11, " "	per Rev. N. P. Hacke, from P. Whitehead, Treas., collected in Bushcreek cong., $9,15, Greensburg charge 8,02,	17,17
Sept. 15, " "	Samuel Shade, collected in Windfall cong.,	5,17
Aug. 15, " "	Rev. C. Weiler, collection,	3,00
Oct. 27, " "	Tiffin Classis, per Rev. M. Kieffer,	18,75
" " " "	Rev. R. Good, col. in Zion congregation,	5,00
" 28 " "	" J. G. Ruhl, collected in Marion,	2,00
Nov. 4, " "	Westmoreland Classis, per Rev. G. B. Russell,	20,00
" " " "	Wooster congregation, per Rev. D. Kemmerer,	11,00
" 13 " "	Rev. J. H. Klein, collected in Fort Wayne,	10,00
" 17 " "	Elder A. Shaaf,	2,00
" 25 " "	Mr. Jabob Kuhn, per Rev. H. Williard,	5,00
Dec. 24 " "	Westmoreland Classis, Berlin charge, per Mr. P. Whitehead,	10,00
1857.		
Jan. 6, " "	Rev. J. J. Escher, col. in Bascom cong. 75 cts., Seneca 60 cts., Rome 1,87, Berwick 2,10, Big Spring, 2,28,	7,60
Feb. 2, " "	Interest from Permanent Fund,	9,03
Jan. 25, " "	Rev. P. Herbruck, col, in Paris cong. 8,88, Osnaburg 6,00, Canton 5,75,	20,63
" 29, " "	Rev. J. H. Reutenik,	10,00
Feb. 17, " "	C. Zimmerman, col. in Walk creek cong. 6,85, Ragersville cong., Tuscarawas co., 11,15,	18,00
Mar. 10, " "	Interest from Permanent Fund,	12,00
" " " "	Rev. Max. Stern, per Rev. J. H. Reutenik,	5,00
" 13 " "	Rev. Dr. Bossard, col. in Emanuel cong.,	5,00
" 17 " "	Brothers, Persinger, Gallion,	2,00
" 30 " "	Rev. J. J. Escher, col. in Basel cong.,	6,00
" " " "	Rev. G. Zeigler, collected,	10,00
Apr. 2 " "	" J. B. Ruhl, "	7,00
" 4 " "	" J. W. Hamm, "	15,00
" 17 " "	" J. Knie, collected in Hessville cong.,	1,00
" 24 " "	" J. G. Ruhl, collected in Marion,	9,16
		$371,96

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By amount paid Beneficiary students at different times, as per vouchers,	$298,40
May 17, 1857, paid note in bank,	50,00
Oct. 30, Post Office stamps,	80
Nov. 6, Paid Express charges,	35
May 15, 1857, balance in the Treasury,	42,41
	$371,96

Permanent Fund.

This Fund amounts to $325, the legacy of Mr. John Baer, and consisted originally of a number of promissory notes, given

by John Ackerman, and bearing interest at six per cent., the last of which falls due in 1860. One hundred and seventy-five dollars of the above amount has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer, and loaned by him at eight per cent., with good security. For the remaining $150 the Treasurer holds the notes of John Ackerman.

REUBEN GOOD, *Treasurer.*

The Committee to which the above report was referred presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Education would report briefly as follows:

The only paper placed in their hands is the financial report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education. This report is accurate, and in the main satisfactory. It would appear that during the year the Board has done what it could in the cause in which it is engaged.

In the cause of Beneficiary Education, however, the Church is not engaged as it ought to be, as must be acknowledged, when we learn the small amount contributed for the cause. It is not encouraged so generally as it ought to be, nor to the extent that might be expected. It is to be regretted, that the report before us shows a decrease in contributions compared with last year. Unless the whole Church is actively engaged in the cause, the Board of itself can accomplish but little.

It is well that the whole Church should become awakened to the importance of carrying forward more vigorously this cause, since upon it, to a greater or less extent, depends the supply of ministers, the want of which must be so much regretted.

In view of this, your committee would direct the attention of Synod to the resolution adopted last year, calling the attention of ministers to this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MEASE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

Miscellaneous.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

The members of Synod having subscribed for twenty-three hundred copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, so as to sell them at ten cents a piece, the Stated Clerk was instructed to have them published with the least possible delay.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be requested to transmit

sixty copies of the Minutes of Synod to Rev. C. H. Reiter for gratuitous distribution in the town and vicinity of Carrolton.

A sufficient number having been subscribed to have them published in the German language, the Rev. J. G. Zahner was instructed to have them published in German.

Change in the place of the meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That Synod sincerely regrets the change made in the place of its meeting, subjecting, as it does, its members to increased expense and inconvenience, and at the same time, it may be wounding to the feelings of the friends and citizens of Massillon, and seriously jeopardizing the interests of the German Reformed Church in said town and neighborhood.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod returns its thanks to the German Reformed congregation and citizens of Carrolton and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable entertainment extended to this body, and that the *Paster loci* be requested to publish this resolution from the pulpit, and in the papers of the place.

ARTICLE XXI.

Close and Adjournment.

Fort Wayne, Indiana, having been selected as the place for our next annual meeting, and the third Wednesday in May, 1858, in the evening at 8 o'clock, as the time, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The Minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called, all the members were found present, except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Monday night at about 10 o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

MOSES KIEFFER, *President.*

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Members not Confirmed.	Members Confirmed.	Members Communic't	Baptisms.	Confirm'ns	Received by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
David Winters,	4	Mount Zion,		400	390	58	80		12	5	4	$72,00	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	1	Highland,		146	140	15	21	5		2	1		Xenia, Ohio.
" "	1	Cæsar's creek,		78	78	2	1		2	2	1		
P. C. Prugh,	2	Xenia,	120	166	155	14	17	2	2	4	2	139,60	Xenia, Ohio.
H. K. Baines,	4	Fairfield,		227	227	3	11		18	4	2	145,62	Fairfield, Ohio.
Herman Rust,	1	Cincinnati 1st church,	115	240	233	53	11	57	5	24	2	167,40	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. Dahlman,	1	Brown county,		70	70	4	6			1	1		Arnheim, Ohio.
J. M. Lefever,	4	Darke county,		57	50	5					3		Piqua, Ohio.
G. W. Williard,	2	Dayton 1st church,	130	120	110	20	20	25	2	4	2	80,00	Dayton, Ohio.
J. Stoneberger,	3	Missouri Mission,		70		6		1					Patton, Missouri.
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	163	201	185	28	13	5	4	5	2	102,00	Miamisburg, Ohio.
S. Mease,	1	Mission'y Cincinnati 2nd ch.	5	15	15	2	9	6			1		Cincinnati, Ohio.
E. F. Loeders,	1	Dayton 2nd church,		90	80								Dayton, Ohio.
G. Z. Mechling,	4	Seven Mile, &c.,		140	112	11				1	1		
A. Wanner,	4	Germantown,	147	212	163								
J. Vogt,	2	Darke county,		70	64	12	23	7		1	1		
L. Rike,	3	West Alexandria,		178	178	12	18	2	12	6	1	42,34	West Alexandria.
J. McConnell,	3	Jonesboro, Ill.,		74	74	11	21	2		1			Jonesboro, Illinois.
C. Saure,	2	Ebenezer and Columbia Miss.,											Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. Pence,		Without charge,											Tremont, Ohio.
H. Kroh,		" "											Stockton, Cal.
R. P. Thomas,		" "											Aurora, Indiana.
J. E. Freygang, D. D.		" "											Xenia, Ohio.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS

Ministers.	No. Congre.	Names of Charges.	Members.	Commun'ts.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	By Certific.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Benevolent Contrib'ns.	Post Office Addresses.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas.	161	161	30		1	2			1	$33,68	Navarre, Stark county, Ohio.
Jesse Hines,	4	Savanah.	40	40	5	3				1	4	71,59	Nankin, Ashland " "
P. J. Spangler,	7	Fulton.	315	315	51	45		12		3	4	90,01	Summit, Summit " "
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg,	112	90	14	13	7			1	2	44,17	Reedsburg, Wayne co., "
Henry Hess,	2	Shelby.	48	48							1	45,00	Shelby, Richland co., "
C. H. Reiter,	4	Carrolton.	195	119	11	13	2	10		9	2	42,60	Carrolton, Carrol county, "
C. Zwisler,	2		107	107	31					2			Congress, Wayne " "
Vacant.	1	Akron.	50										Akron, Summit " "
L. A. Brunner,	1	Massillon.	40	28	3	2	1				1	40,00	Massillon, Stark " "
L. C. Edmonds,													Wadsworth, Medina " "
Vacant,	2	Rome.	111	90	19	39	7			2	3	10,00	Rome, Richland " "
Jesse Richards,		Lucus.											St. Paris, Campaign " "
Vacant,	2	Vacant.	50	50	8	8				5	2		
D. G. Philips, W. C.													Ashland, Ashland " "
Wm. McCaughey,	5	Navarre.	290	290	55		2			12	5	30,00	Navarre, Stark " "
H. Shaull, W. C.													Madison, Indiana.
L. Follett,													Medina, Ohio.

TIFFIN CLASSIS

Ministers.	No. Congre.	Congregations or Charges.	Confirmed.	Communi'ts.	Baptized.	Confirmat's.	By Certific.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
F. Rahauser,		Superannuated.										
R. Good, Prof.,	1	Hopewell,	62	52		4	4			1		Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good, Prof.,	2	2nd Tiffin,	138	120	47	25	15	8	9			" "
M. Stern,	2	Gallion,	225	225	41	12	17	11	6	2	$ 50,00	Gallion, Ohio.
H. J. Reutenik, Prof.,												Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Klingler,	6	Allen mission,	207	200	18	11	4		1	3		Herring, Allen county, O.
J. J. Brecht,	3	Wyandott mission,	85	85	20	11	16		9			Huntingdon, Indiana.
J. C. Schwartz,	2	Vermillion,	105	65	20	8		9	7			Vermillion, Erie co., Ohio.
Wm. K. Zieber,	1	1st Tiffin,	238	220	30	9	12	9	18	1	412,16	Tiffin, Ohio.
H. Eschmeier,	2	Toledo mission,	94	109	17	11	54	1	11	1		Toledo, Ohio,
J. C. Klar,	2	Thompson,	160	160	64	34	17		40	2		Republic, Ohio.
J. G. Ruhl,	5	Marion,	189	189	29	8			11	1	17,00	Marion, Ohio.
J. J. Escher,	5	Berwick,	238	238	10	11	115		4	2	5.00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Knie,	2	Hessville,	108	84	24	3			6			Black Swamp, Ohio.
M. Kieffer, Prof.												Tiffin, Ohio.
C. Weller,	6	Whetstone,	150	150								Gallion, Ohio.
E. Keller,	2	Bucyrus,	160	160						2		Bucyrus, Ohio.
J. Jörris,												Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Vacant—McCutchenville, Bloomville, Hancock county, Rearick's, Salem's, Seneca county, 3 in Shelby.

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Confirm'd	By Certi.	Baptisms.	Dismiss'd	Deaths.	S. School.	Pur. for Benevo. Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
Vacant,	1	Neriah, &c.,										Lasalle, Michigan.
"	1	Huntington, &c.,	27									Huntingdon, Ia.
W. Ellers,	4	Liberty, &c.,										Syracuse, "
F. W. Dechant,	5	Bluffton, &c.,	105	91		11	15	16	9	3		Bluffton, "
J. H. Klein,	1	Forte Wayne,	117	117	8	13	27	7	8	1	$79,00	Fort Wayne, "
J. G. Kissell,	7	Auburn, &c.,	300	264	7		23		9			Auburn, Indiana.
P. Vitz,		No report,										
D. Lantz,	1	White Pigeon,	39				5	2	2	1		White Pigeon, Michigan.
W. M. Reed,	1	Colon,	44		1				2	2	7,00	Colon, "
W. Wasnich,	4	Brush Creek, &c.,										Pulaski, Ohio.
Vacant,	4	Lafayette, &c.,										" "
Thomas Winters,		Superannuated,										
A. J. Rutan,		No report,										

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrega	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Mem	Members.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirm'd	Dismiss'd	Deaths.	S. School.	Post Office Addresses.
J. Bossard,	1	Emanuel,	240	125	125	30	21			1	Sheboygan, Wisconsin,
J. T. Kluge,	1	Ebenezer,	174	75	75	8	4			1	Newtonsburg, "
A. Mühlmeier,	1	Zion,	90	60	40	12	16	4		1	Sheboygan, "
H. A. Winter,	1	Saron,	200	160	112	10	6	6		2	" "

CLARION CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Cong.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Communic.	Baptisms.	Confirmat's.	By Certific.	Dismissions	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
D. B. Ernst,	4	Sagerstown,	254	230	16	12	2		4		$ 19,50	Sagerstown, Crawford co., Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	4	Petersburg,	340	309	102	54	13		7	4	280,00	Lamertine, Clarion county, "
H. F. Hartman,	5	Greenville,	275	250								West Greenville, Mercer co., "
Lucian Cort,	3	Harmony,	190	150	45		14		8		100,00	Harmony, Butler county, "
Abner Dale,	2	Fairview,*	280	250								Brady's Bend, Armstrong co. "
F. Wise,	4	Armstrong,	325	300	44	9			9	3	251,61	South Bend, " " "
J. G. Shoemaker,	5	Rimersburg,	300	260	13		3	4	6	3	90,00	Curlsville, Clarion county, "
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	225	168	55	32			8	3	30,00	Punxatawny, Jefferson co., "
C. Scheel,	3	Tylersburg mission,	142	98	22	14			1		6,50	Tylersburg, Clarion county, "
Vacant,	2	Redbank,	680	413								
"	4	Ringgold,†										
B. Boyer,		Without charge,										West Greenville, Mercer co., "
S. N. Callender,		" "										Meadville, Crawford co., "
F. Wahl,												N. Springfield, Mahoning co. O.

* Lately separated from Harmony. † Lately separated from Redbank.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congrea	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Confirm'd	By Certi.	Baptisms	Dismiss'd	Excommu	Deaths.	S. School.	Col. for Benevo. Purposes	PostOffice Addresses
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Zion's charge,	80	123			13			1	1	$25,00	Poland, Clay co., Ind.
George Long,	1	1st. Ger. Ref., Indianapolis,	79	79		8	12	12		2		13,00	Indianopolis, "
C. Pluess,	1		75	83	3	6	36	2	1	3	1	10,00	Lawrenceburg, "
J. Blätchen,	1		39	73	6		8			2	1		Linton, Green co., "
A. Toensmeier,	1		70	70	3	6	9			2		24,00	Louisville, Ky.
J. D. Colliflower,	3		93	93	14	9	10						Boundary City, "
A. Carroll,	1		60	30			5			2	1		Bloomfield, "
T. Etters,		No report,											
J. Baumunk,		"											
C. Becker,		"											Terre Haute, "
C. Kuss,		"											Sandusky City, Ohio.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS

Ministers.	Congrea.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communic.	Baptisms	Confirm'd	By Certi.	Dismiss'd	Deaths.	S. School.	Col. for Benevo. Purposes.	PostOffice Addresses
D. Kroh,	4	Cedarville,	100	100	8	2	10		5	3	$23,00	Cedarville, Illinois.
J. P. Decker,	2	Lasalle,	35	24	6				5	2		Freeport, "
F. C. Bauman,	2	Harmony,	63	63	15	6		3	1	1	19,90	Zwingle, Iowa.
George Weber,	3	Orangeville,	42	42	5		7		3	2	10,00	Orangeville, Illinois.
J. U. Zurcher,	1		84		12							
B. Knepper,	1				18				6			Ogle Station, Lee co. Il.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Communicants.	Baptized Members.	Confirmed.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
J. P. Mahnenschmidt,		No report,								Frederick, Mahoning co., O.
J. W. Hamm,	8	Manchester charge,	539		64	79	39	2	$18,75	Nimisilla, Summit co., "
D. Kämmerer,	6	Wooster charge,		360	23	73	4	3	61,98	Wooster, Wayne county, "
P. Herbruck,	5	Canton charge,	664		49	141	38	3	65,00	Canton, Stark county, "
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville charge,	375	396	39	48	29	3	45,00	Shanesville, Tusca'as co. "
S. M. King,	3	Washingtonville charge,	169	208	12	12	4	2	25,00	New Lisbon, "
G. Ziegler,	8	St. Peter's, &c.,	548	650	64	65	25	2	55,59	N. Georgetown, Colum.co. "
G. Rettig,	6	Bedford, &c.,	304		43	29	7	1	12,80	Buena Vista, Tusca'as co, "
Robert Koehler;	3	Mt. Eaton, French charge,	513		32	30	16			Mt. Eaton, Wayne co.. "
John Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eaton, German charge,	140		17	25		1		" " " "
J. B. Ruhl,	6	Jackson, &c.,	343		40	41	12	5	27,00	Eden, Trumbull co., "
E. H. T. Woehler,	4	Homer, &c.,	140		28	13	9		15,50	Albion, Ashland co., "
J. D. Gackenheimer,	4	St. Paul's, etc.,	160	160		11	5		14,75	Willshire, Van Wert co., "
J. F. Engelbach,	2	St. John's, &c.,	29	46		9	2		3,20	Akron, Summit co., "
P. Becker,*		No report,								Columbiana, Whitly co., Ia.
C. Lienkemper,	3	Calcutta charge,	100	120	7	23			18,00	Calcutta, Columbiana co. O.
S. K. Denius,*		No report,								Germantown, "
C. Bank,		Mission, Henry county, Ohio,								
G. Weber,†		Hartville charge,	132			19	23		6,13	Hartville, Stark co., "

* Honorably dismissed. † Since deposed and congregations declared vacant.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirmat.	By Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes.
Miami,	23	58	3025	285	301	124	57		63	32	$749,96
Lancaster,	11	27	862	97	51	8	30		48	11	140,84
Sandusky,	14	38	1858	227	123	14	26		36	25	407,00
St. John's,	20	70	4176	618	418				218	22	368,00
Westmoreland,	8	47	2848	252	120	15	8		42	25	511,28
Clarion,	12	40	2991	210	121	32	4		43	13	877,61
Tiffin,	19	44	2015	347	147	254	30		112	15	484,00
Indiana,	11	15	550	93	26		14		12	4	72,00
St. Joseph's,	10	29	632	70	16	24	25		30	7	86,00
Sheboygan,	4	4	420	60	47		10			5	
Illinois,	6	13	324	64	8	17	8		20	8	53,00
Total,	138	385	18701	2333	1378	433	207		619	167	$3,749,69
Eastern Synod. Twelve Classes.	197	568	57252	5590	2660	762	369	7	1799	402	
Total of the two Synods. Classes 23.	335	953	75953	7913	4038	1245	576	7	2418	569	

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—The Report on the State of Religion is designed to afford a general view of the spiritual condition and progress of the Church, as this is brought out in the reports relating to this subject, adopted by the several Classes and submitted to this body. The Chairman of your Committee has carefully perused these reports, and instead of entering into any free discussion of the leading facts on which they dwell with great earnestness, he prefers simply delineating the principal features of her position and history during the past year.

The most prominent features of the German Reformed Church, as exhibited in these reports of the lower judicatories, relate to the idea of the Church of Christ itself, to the necessity and importance of the Sacraments, to the duty of Christian nurture as essential to the growth of the Church, and to the increasing activity and zeal of both ministers and the laity, as a consequence of conscious return and firm adherence to the system of faith contained in the Heidelberg Catechism

There is throughout the different Classes a growing sense of the vital fact that the Church of Christ is not a mere notion of men, not the result of voluntary association, not the effect of the preaching of the Gospel accompanied by the Holy Ghost operating independently of the ordinances; but that it is a supernatural order of spiritual life existing in the world, which, though invisible and intangible, is nevertheless as real and as actually at hand as the visible constitution of nature. He who is very God and very man is its Head; He pervades it by the Holy Ghost, the bearer of His mediatorial life in the Sacraments, in the Word, and in all true acts of worship, as the sap of the vine pervades the branches; and He sustains, invigorates and unfolds it, as the law of natural life in the vine sustains and nourishes the vitality of all its branches. The ministry proclaim Jesus Christ as the only and original source of grace and salvation, who, in the ministrations of the Church, approaches sinners lying under the curse of a broken law, and thus embraces them even before they repent or believe, as a loving mother presses an unconscious infant, covered with loathsome disease, to her throbbing bosom. Hence the people begin to cherish a deeper and more intelligent faith in the Church, as being truly

the kingdom of heaven on earth, as their spiritual birth-place, their home, their true joy, and their final resting-place.

In relation to the Sacraments there is remarkable unanimity of sentiment, resulting, no doubt, from the system of the Catechism being better understood and appreciated by ministers and people generally. Baptism is the act of Christ by which He, through his ministers, introduces the unconscious and sinful infant into the eternal covenant of grace. He does not only signify that His death is a full atonement for sin, but also assures us by this outward and solemn transaction, which is the form under which He confirms His promise by an oath, that it is as certainly washed by the blood and Spirit of Christ from all the pollution of the soul as it is washed externally with water. Thus transferred from a state of nature into a state of covenant grace, a child is the proper subject of Christian nurture. The tender plant set in the garden of the Lord possesses the warrant of God that, nourished by the rich soil in which it stands, and trained diligently and in faith, it shall grow up into the light and beauty of the Sun of righteousness.

A lively sense of the necessity of faithful family training, and of the regular catechetical instruction of the children and youth seems, therefore, to pervade every part of the Church. A fresh impulse has been given to the educational system. The scriptural custom of our fathers is again being inaugurated with youthful freshness and zeal. The belief in the absence of the Holy Spirit from His own work and habitation built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner-stone, is fast giving way to a heart-cheering confidence in the constant and unfailing presence of the Holy Spirit, according to the unequivocal promise of Christ fulfilled continuously with increasing power and glory from the day of Pentecost down to the present hour. In the strength of this faith in the supernatural power of the Spirit always bound to the appointed means of grace, the ministry lay hold of the work of Christian nurture with energy and diligence, looking forward, like faithful husbandmen, with certain confidence to an ingathering of ripe fruit in due season.

A firm faith in Christ as the Head and life of His Church, renewing and sanctifying men by the Holy Ghost through the means of grace, begets satisfaction with the ordinary operations of the Spirit, that is, with His operations according to the established order of the Church. Our ministers labor in more cheerful obedience to the economy of the kingdom of heaven. There are comparatively but few lamentations in the reports of the Classes over the want of, what are called, unusual manifestations or extraordinary outpourings of the Holy Ghost. This ought to be regarded as an indication of real progress in vital godliness, and a source of great encouragement. For, it is the common operation of the Holy Spirit which is deep, re-

sistless, abiding, and productive of the most abundant spiritual harvest. It is the ordinary course of nature that breaks the death-grasp of winter, touches and starts all the secret springs of natural life, covers the meadows with living green, arrays the forests in fresh foliage, and fills our houses and barns with fruits and wine and corn. Extraordinary storms of wind, and rain, and hail, accompanied by inundations and earthquakes, may produce extraordinary *changes*—fallen forests, unroofed houses, towns in ruins and wide devastation,—but they do not produce an extraordinary *harvest*. As our Saviour continually illustrates the kingdom of grace by the kingdom of nature, and thus teaches us that there is a real analogy between them, we are justified in saying, that, in like manner, is it the ordinary course of the Holy Ghost in the regular and faithful use of the means of grace, which is the only proper object of faith and prayer. It is the work of the Spirit, according to the order of Christ established in His Church, that begins in the well-springs of human life, infuses a purifying element, throws off the filth of sin and causes perennial streams to flow forth and gladden the heritage of the Lord. This is the saving power of God that gathers in the wandering sheep, makes inroads upon the thick forests of the world, converting the lion and the wolf into lambs, and thus steadily enlarges the peaceful fold of the great Shepherd. There is no warrant either in the Catechism or in the Scriptures for the prosperity of the Church, if we labor and pray for operations of the Holy Ghost which are outside or independent of the gracious order of its glorious Head. To labor for the honor of God and the salvation of souls by ignoring or undervaluing the infinite power of this common order of grace is, therefore, a lamentable defection from Jesus Christ and from the faith of our fathers.

Hence your Committee regards it as a very encouraging feature of the Church, that the Classes indicate the return of a strong, intelligent faith in the true unchangeable order of divine grace. We are going to work again with full confidence in the presence, reality and perfect sufficiency of the kingdom of heaven. We are beginning to cherish everywhere as undoubted a confidence in the order of grace as the husbandman cherishes in the order of nature. This stimulates to new diligence and regular activity. No time is wasted in manufacturing factitious storms of the Spirit which break down the tender plants and rend the aged trees of the Lord, to make room for a luxuriant growth of the baneful weeds of the flesh. If, therefore, we continue to increase in fidelity to our trust, and to become more diligent in our labors, as spiritual husbandmen, we may look in hope for a general revival of religion, which will come as large clusters of grapes do on the branches of the vine, or as the waiving fields of a golden harvest follow the careful cultivation of the soil. True, we will need the blessings from

above also, the light of the sun and the rain from the clouds. God must give the increase. But God gives the increase only after the seed is sown and the soil is cultivated. In vain are all our prayers for rich blessings from heaven, if we do not carefully plough the ground and sow the seed and cultivate the plants. If we but do whatever our hands find to do, if we but work in faith, the light and heat of the Sun of righteousness will not be wanting Let us but prove God in obedience to His own order, and see if he will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that our granaries will not be able to hold.

As a consequence of the revival of such faith in Christ and His Church, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is assuming its due place in the estimation of the people. A memorial of the one offering for sin made by Christ on the cross, it is also regarded as the communion of believers with Jesus Christ both as man and God in one person, who is as truly present to faith by the Holy Ghost as the symbols are present to the eye. The use of this means of grace is as essential to the healthful growth of the true Christian as natural bread is to the sustenance of the natural body. As these views gain ground, greater importance is attached to the regular observance of the Lord's Supper, not as an act of gratitude or affection simply, but as an act of worship in which Christ nourishes the believer with His body and blood unto eternal life. The number of communicants is steadily and rapidly increasing. The disproportion between the members of the Church and actual communicants is growing less. These facts may be established by reference to the statistical tables appended to this report.

This review of the internal condition of the Church, suggests the character of her peculiar wants. The wants of the Church have their roots in her past history and grow out of her present position. In this respect, too, the general tenor of the reports of the Classes is the same. For the sake of both brevity and clearness we will proceed to give a particular enumeration of these wants.

1. We need more faith in Christ, as being really in the midst of his people by the Holy Ghost. Did we, as ministers and people, lay hold of Him with all the heart and fully appreciate the truth "*Lo I am with you alway,*" the preaching of the Gospel, family education and catechetical instruction would be accompanied with a far more manifest superhuman power.

2. We need more confidence and fidelity in the use of the sacraments and all other means of grace. In proportion as we are thoroughly imbued with the idea that Jesus Christ is at hand, constantly working with supernatural energy in the offices of His visible kingdom, will secret doubts and fears, indecision and discouragement vanish, will the ministry labor from day to day with alacrity, zeal and joy, and will parents teach their children faithfully and train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In this respect there is much room for progress. Nearly every Classis laments over the

great indifference and neglect of many parents, by which the success of the Gospel is hindered. Several, however, speak in encouraging terms of the progress of family religion. Though the Church is very much in advance of her previous position, yet there is still a great deal to be done before her true spirit will be manifest in the life and conduct of her membership

3. Hence we need also a deeper and more general conviction of the truth of the system which is embodied in the Heidelberg Catechism. In some portions of our territory the people give ear to new-fangled theories of religion and philosophy falsely so called, and are led away from the simplicity of the Gospel. We must all be more thoroughly and firmly rooted and grounded in the truth as it is in Jesus.

4. We need more earnestness, fidelity and devotion on the part of the ministry. One Classis particularly complains of the indifference of some of its ministerial members to some of their duties. The reports of our Boards of Missions, Education, and so on, complain in strong language from year to year, of the inattention of many ministers and their congregations to some of the recommendations and injunctions of Synod. So does the Synod itself. There is a loud call for more prompt and persevering action and more unreserved consecration to Christ on the part of us who are His commissioned ambassadors to a dying world.

5. We need more liberality. A large part of our membership do not realize that an offering of gold and silver on the altar of God, is an act of worship practised by the Old and New Testament saints and enjoined in the most unequivocal terms by Christ and His Apostles. Hence, though there is comparatively immense material wealth in the Church, our benevolent operations are crippled for want of the necessary resources. The plan of Systematic Benevolence is more generally introduced, it is true; there are also other unmistakable signs of improvement; still, this continued defect in our Christian character should lead us to profound humiliation and prayer.

These are the chief wants noted in the reports of the Classes. Your Committee desire, however, to mention another.

6. The Church needs more intelligence—more attention to common and higher education. Ignorance fosters narrow prejudices, unfits the people to understand and appreciate the enlarged enterprises of the Synod, and renders the self-sacrificing labors of ministers to a great extent nugatory. In some sections the German language has nearly become extinct, whilst the English language has not yet taken its place. There is, therefore, but a very meagre medium of communication left by which the clergy may approach either the parents or the children, and teach them the great truths of the Gospel. In some cases even the youth speak the German language which they cannot read; and read the English language which they cannot speak. They must commit the Catechism in one language and try to understand it in another. Hence it becomes, under such circumstances, next to impossible for active and laborious ministers to rear an intelligent membership. This state of things is one great hindrance to

our prosperity. The subject of sound intellectual culture demands, therefore, most earnest consideration and support from every office-bearer in the Church.

It would be interesting, now, to consider the outward condition and progress of the German Reformed Church during the past year. But this report has already reached the usual length, and we must forbear. We merely submit one extract from the Lancaster Classis:

"We are happy to learn also from the reports of the Professors of Franklin and Marshall College, that the religious state of the Institution is very promising. More than one half of the students are members of the Church, and a large number have the ministry in view. Three of their number were confirmed on Good Friday. The Professors labor diligently that faith may underlie all science, and that the Holy Spirit may sanctify all knowledge."

The report on the State of Religion of the last year noted the decease of two devoted ministers of the Gospel. Again must we record the work of death. Two of the fathers in the Church, Rev. John Albert and Rev. George Wack, have been called to their reward. Both had been unfitted for a number of years by old age and infirmity for the active duties of the ministry. But the memory of their faith and self-denial still abides in the churches. They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Another has been cut down in the prime of life. Our humble, earnest brother, Joel L. Reber, is no more. With the beloved deceased fathers in Israel we now number him among those who were true to their commission, who bore the heat and burden of the day, who have finished their work on earth and entered into the joy of their Lord. May we who still remain, have grace to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, that we may attain unto the resurrection of the dead and eternal glory.

Your Committee cannot conclude without raising an Ebenezer and inscribing upon it: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Goodness and mercy have followed us during another year. He still spreads a table before us in the presence of our enemies, notwithstanding our frequent acts of unfaithfulness. The Lord is with us still according to His promise, and blesses us with the richest blessings of nature, of Providence and of grace. Let us unite our hearts in giving glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUAL V. GERHART, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Ministers.	No. Cong.	Congrega'ns or Ch'es.	Members.	B. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirm.	Certifica.	Communs.	Dismiss'd	Excomm.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.	
J'b. C. Becker, D. D.,	5	Howertown charge,	*										Bethlehem, Northampton co.,	Pa.
Charles G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.,	1700		189	74		766			56	8	Maxatany, Berks county,	"
Theo. L. Hoffeditz, D. D.	4	Forks, Hamilton, &c.,											Nazareth, Northampton co.,	"
John Züllich,	7	Jacob's, &c.,	1000					1000*					Jacksonville, Lehigh county,	"
Joseph S. Dubs,	6	Allentown, &c.,	2035		219	90		2035			68	6	North White Hall, Lehigh co.,	"
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1500		199	84		1350			70	6	Kutztown, Berks county,	"
William A. Helfrich,	5	Ziegel, &c.,	1600		132	95		1512			32	5	Fogelsville, Lehigh "	"
Theo. C. W. Hoffeditz,		Without charge,											Mercersburg, Franklin county,	"
John W. Lescher,	4	Wilksbarre,	227					200*					Wilkesbarre, Luzerne " "	"
Charles Becker,	8	Chesnut Hill, &c.,	600					225*					Shafers, Monroe county,	"
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c.,	500		215	40		275				3	Weisport, Carbon county,	"
Erasmus H. Helfrich,	5	Plainfield, &c.,	1485					1132*					Bath, Northampton county,	"
Cyrus Becker,	1	Catasaqua,											Kreidersville,	"
Alfred J. G. Dubs,	6	Kreidersville,	876		245	36		876			40	3	Laubach's " "	"
Alfred J. Herman,	2	Jerusalem,	290		141	20		207			28	2	Maxatany, Berks county,	"
D. F. Brendel,	4	Farmersville, &c.,	550		50	80		400			15	4	Bethlehem, Northampton co.,	"
I. K. Loos,	3	Mount Bethel, &c.,	425		38						8	6	Stone church, " "	"
John Beck,	1	Easton,			51	19		400			50	1	Easton, Northampton county,	"
R. Vancourt,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,			42	11						1	Tamaqua.	

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Mem	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Dism.	Excom.	Death.	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.	
Philip Moyer,	3	Zion's, &.,	477					477					Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co.,	Pa.
John Gring,	4	Stumpstown charge,	316		60			218			20	2	Fredericksburg, Lebanon co.,	"
Thomas H. Leinbach,	6	Tulpenhocken charge,	1371		124	65		841			42	5	Meyerstown, " "	"
Isaac Miese,	5	Bern charge,	1050		71	34		952			48	5	Lower Bern, Berks county,	"
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon charge,	800	830	70	54	10	450	10		28	2	Lebanon,	"
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg charge,	1136		173	139		1000			40	11	Reading,	"
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	1st church, Reading,	850		131	63	14	750			48	4	do.	"
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Pottsville charge,	145	70	22	3		130			21	2	Pottsville, Schuylkill county,	"
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host charge,	1025		121	60		720			23	11	Bernville, Berks county,	"
Abraham Romich,	4	Jonestown charge,	300		47	25	1	226	2		8	4	Jonestown, " "	"
Jonathan E. Hiester,	5	Palmyra charge,	375	278	23	28		237	2		11	4	Palmyra, Lebanon county,	"
Jacob Kline,	5	Minersville charge,	473		133	30		400			60	4	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylk'l co.	"
William A. Good,	2	Bernville charge,	277		31	46		230			2	5	Reading,	"
Charles F. McCauley,*	1	2nd church, Reading,	127			7	5	127	1			1	do.	"
Joseph H. Apple,*	1	Emanuel's charge,	34					34				1	Hamburg, Berks county,	"
W. H. Groh,		Assistant of T. H. Leinbach,											Meyerstown, Lebanon county,	"
Henry Wagner,*	2	Orwigsburg charge,	250					250					Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co.,	"
Charles W. Schultz,		Without charge,											Reading,	"
Vacant,	2	Tremont charge,	65					60						

* Entered their new field of labor last spring.

Ministers.	Congregs.	Charges or Congregations.	Members.	Bap. Mem.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communic	Dismissed	Excomm.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Dietrich Willers,	3	Christ's, Jerusalem, &c.,	192		42	17		192			16	2	Fayette, Seneca county, New York.
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Boalsburg charge,	370		50	12	8	340	5		9	9	Boalsburg, Centre county, Pa.
Richard A. Fisher,	4	Lykens Valley charge,	140	225	40			140			15	5	Millersburg, Dauphin county, "
Isaac Shellhammer	3	Conyngham charge,			86	26		155			27		Conyngham, Luzerne county, "
George Wolff,	4	Paradise charge,	620		61	50	40	575	6		28	4	M'Ewensville, North. co. "
Rudolph Duenger,		Without charge,											Fountain Spring, Schuylkill co., "
Ephraim Kieffer,	5	Mifflinburg charge,	515	575	68	28	3	515	10		29	10	Mifflinburg, Union county, "
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg charge,	227					229					Millheim, Centre county, "
Adolph B. Caspar,		Without charge,											New Berlin, Union co.,
Henry Wiegand,	4	Nippanose charge,	347	45	23	34		338	16		5	5	Road Hall, Lycoming county, "
William R. Yearick,	4	Nittany charge,	257	40	13	3	8	213	1		6	7	Hublersburg, Centre county, "
William Goodrich,	5	Bloomsburg charge,	309		37	18	21	300	1		18	2	Bloomsburg, Columbia county, "
William G. Hackman,	6	Beaver charge,	350		72	29		327			39	6	Adamsburg, Snyder county, "
Nathaniel Bressler,	4	Armstrong Valley charge,	256		34	19		219			22	5	Fisherville, Dauphin county, "
Henry S. Bassler,	4	Berrysburg charge,	180		25			165	2		18	4	Gratztown, " " "
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,			14	8	9	191	3		2	1	Milton, Northumberland county, "
Jared Fritzinger,	6	Mahony charge,	400		39	52		346			7	8	Mahony, " " "
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Lewisburg charge,	192		21	3	14	186	1		8	1	Lewisburg, "
Martin A. Smith,	4	Aaronsburg,	300		25	3	1	290	6		12	6	Aaronsburg, Centre county, "
Jonathan Zeilers,		No charge,											Lock Haven, "
C. Z. Weiser,	1	Selinsgrove charge,	195	150	17	3	7	85			6	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder county, "
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	206		15			206			6		Freeburg Snyder county, "
F. J. More,	4	Lock Haven and Williamsport,	160		40	9	21	110			9		Williamsport, "
H. Hoffman,	3	Shamokin,	240		42	22		240			21	2	Paxinos, Northumberland county, "
J. S. Shade,	2	Blockhouse charge,	250		2			114			11	3	Liberty, Tioga county, "
D. Y. Heisler,	5	Sunbury,	215		35	7		85			10	4	Sunbury, "
Vacant,	3	Bellefonte,	150					100				2	
Vacant	2	Muncy,	105					105					
H. Aurand,	4	New Berlin,	355					280				4	
D. W. Wolff,	3	Danville,											Danville, Pa.
H. Miller		No charge,											

CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers	No. Congr.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bapt. Memb.	Baptized.	Confirmat'n.	Certificate.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommuni.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses	
Daniel Ziegler,	6	Creutz creek charge,	595		80			510			25	3	York,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Hanover charge,	725	925	46	33		625			29	5	Hanover,	"
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Gettysburg charge,	640		57	18	13	600	1		14	3	Gettysburg,	"
Francis Netcher,	5	Bender's charge,	380					250					Table Rock, Adams co.,	"
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,	313		29	16		313			15	4	Dillsburg, York county,	"
John Reinecke,		Without charge,											Shrewsbury, "	"
John Albert,		do. do.											York Springs, Adams county,	"
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	365		45	27		365			25	4	York,	"
Charles H. Leinbach,	6	Landisburg charge,	640	680	64	20	8	550			10	6	Landisburg,	"
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Carlisle charge,	200	165	26	9	9	175	10		9	1	Carlisle,	"
William C. Bennett,		Without charge,											Boiling Springs, Cumberl'd co.	"
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	305	384	22	17		217	4	1	3	6	New Bloomfield, Perry co.,	"
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,											Mechanicsburg,	"
David Bossler,	5	York charge, (German)	227		33	13		223			26	4	York,	"
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York charge, (English)	350		26	20	4	196	3		6	2	do.	"
John C. Bucher,	2	Sup. Sp'gs. & Frankford,	160					160				2	Carlisle,	
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown charge,	500			34	8	475	3		20	7	Abbottstown,	"
Daniel Gring,	5	Shrewsbury charge,	400		49	35	2	350			16	6	Shrewsbury, York county,	"
David Hefelfinger,	4	Newville charge,	180		11	26	2	109	1		3	2	Newville,	"
Joel L. Reber,	4	Emanuels charge,												
Vacant,	3	Mechanicsburg,			14	6		71			2	3		
		George Leidy,	Jacob B. Keller,					Without charges,					Carlisle,	"

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers.	Con.	Congregations or Charges	Mem.	B. M.	Bap.	Con.	Cert.	Com.	Dis.	Exc.	Dea.	S. S.	Post Office Adresses.	
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	320	285	32	21	4	320	2		26	2	Baltimore,	Md.
Vacant,	1	Second church, do.							4				do.,	"
Andrew P. Freese,	1	Third do., do.	174	206	15		10	166	4		2	1	do.,	"
Frederick A. Herzberger,	1	Fourth do., do.	535	370				535					do.,	"
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.,	1	Frederick city,	412	500	34	14	5	412	5		36	2	Frederick city,	"
Vacant,	1	Middletown,	416	300				360					Middletown, Frederick county,	"
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	240	235	22	4	19	220	5		4	1	Hagerstown, Washington co.,	"
Mortimer L. Shuford,	5	Glade charge,	412	390	41	7	1	381			5	5	Walkersville, Frederick co.,	"
Robert Douglas,		Without charge,											Shepherdstown, Jefferson co.,	Va.
William F. Colliflower,	6	Manchester charge,	580	540	56	33	4	466	5		12	6	Manchester, Carroll co.,	Md
George W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Emmittsburg do.,	295	260	18	8	1	290	5		7	1	Emmittsburg, Frederick co.,	"
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown do.,	395	190	27	14	3	350			5	3	Cavetown, Washington co.,	"
John G Fritchey,	4	Taneytown do.,	360	300	36	11	1	300	2		7		Taneytown, Carroll county,	"
Samuel Philips,	3	Jefferson do.,	278	307	54	24	22	273	2		9	3	Jefferson, Frederick county,	"
Lewis H. Keafauver,	2	Millerstown do.,	190	20	7	12		130	2			1	Fairfield, Adams county,	Pa.
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville do.,	135	250	3	18	1	130				1	Burkettsville, Frederick co.,	Md.
Vacant,*	1	Siver Run do.,	475	525	38	32		275	3	1	8	1		
Benjamin Schneider,		Foreign Missionary,											Aintab, Syria	
William H. Zimmerman,		Without charge,											Frederick city,	"
Charles Cast,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	120		7	9		120	30				Hagerstown,	"
George L. Staley,		Without charge,											Mt. Washington, Baltimore co.,	"
E. William Reinecke,	1	St. John's church, Fred'k.,	153	223	16	11	15	137		1			Frederick city,	"
Vacant,	3	Boonsboro',	300											
Vacant,	3	Mount Moriah,	80	70										
Vacant,†	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,												

*Sup. by Rev. J. G. Fritchey †Sup. by Rev. F. A. Herzberger.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers.	No. Co.	Congregations or Charges	Memb.	B Mem	Baptiz.	By Con	By Cer	Comm	Dismis.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Post Office Addresses.
Henry St. John Rinker,	6	Mill Creek,	256		5	7		233	9		5	5	Hamburg, Shenandoah co., Va.
John G. Wolff,	5	Woodstock,	231		26	5		223	1		6	5	Woodstock, " " "
Peter S. Davis,	2	Winchester,	90		14	10	6	82	6		1	3	Winchester, Frederick " "
John C. Hensell,	4	Middlebrook,	195		22	7	10	160	10		4	4	Middlebrook, Augusta " "
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	100		8	1		100			1	3	Lovettsville, Loudon " "
Daniel Feete,	5	Mt. Crawford,	190		30	7	3	190	4		4	5	Mt. Crawford, Rockingh'm " "
Daniel G. Bragonier,	3	Shepherdstown,	188		23	7	3	188	1	2	2	3	Shepherdstown,
Joseph Hannaberry,	3	Central,	103		6	2		53			2		
Samuel J. Fetzer,		Without charge,											
Vacant	5	Pendleton,	45		5	3		34					
Vacant,	4	Augusta,	110					110			1		Candidates for the Ministry, 2.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.	No. Co	Congregations or Charges.	Membe.	B. M.	Baptiz.	Confir.	Certific	Commu	Dismis.	Deaths.	Sab. Sc.	Post Office Addresses.
George Boger,		Without charge,										Mt. Comfort, Cabarrus co., N. C.
John H. Crawford,		Catawba charge,										Newton, Catawba co., "
John Lantz,		Without charge,										do. do.
David Crooks,		Lincoln charge,										Lincolnton, "
G. William Welker,		Guilford charge,										Clapp's, Guilford co., "
Jeremiah Ingold,		Western Rowan charge,										China Grove, Rowan co., "
Thornton Butler,		Without charge,										Lexington, "
Vacant,		Newton charge,										Newton, Catawba co., "
do.		Eastern Rowan charge,										
do.		D avidson charge,										

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Ministers.	Congrega.	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Bap. Memb.	Baptized.	By Confirm.	By Certific.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommun.	Deaths.	Sab. School	Post Office Addresses.
Sam'l Helffenstein, D.D		Without charge,											Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa.
Sam'l. Helffenstein, Jr.		" "											Blue Bell, Montgomery county, "
John S. Ermentrout,	1	Norristown,	125			12		90				1	Norristown, "
J.H.A. Bomberger, D.D	1	Philadelphia, Race st.,	180		4	11	14	168	10		2	1	Philadelphia, "
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions, Philadelphia,	473	706	37	19	54	428	9		13	2	Kensington, Philadelphia co., "
John Gantenbein,	1	Bethlehem, do.	315		48	17	153	315			12	1	do. " "
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland, &c.,	140			5						3	Chester Springs, Chester co., "
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Böhms, &c.,	200		2	1		185			7		Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
Alfred B. Shenkle,	2	Trappe, &c ,	305		19	12		227			7		Trappe, Montgomery county, "
E. M. Long,		General Agent A. T. S.,											Norristown, Montgomery co., "
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	200			14	2	200			4	4	East Vincent, Centre county, "
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	136		4	10	2	136				1	Pleasantville, Montgomery co., "
Charles Lukens,		Without charge,											Frankford, Philadelphia co., "
George D. Wolff,		" "											Norristown, "
Vacant,	1	Salems cong., Philadelphia,	469		48	36		469			14		
"	1	Church of Apostles, Philad'a.,	100					70					
Henry Wissler,	1	East Vincent,											East Vincent, Chester co., Pa.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers.	Congr.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Me.	Bapt.	By Co.	By Cer.	Com.	Diam.	Eccom.	Deaths.	S. Scho.	Post Office Addresses.
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	130	230	35	12	10	130	12			2	Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa.
Samuel N. Callender,	1	Chambersburg.	229		7	4	2	170	3		4	1	Chambersburg, " "
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.,		Editor of Ger. Ref. Mess.,											" " "
Benj. S. Schneck, D. D.,	1	2nd church, Chambersburg,	28		3	5		39			1		" " "
Philip Schaff, D. D.,		Prof. in Theological Sem'y.,											Mercersburg, Franklin county, "
Bernard C. Wolff, D.D., Prof.		" " "											" " " "
John S. Foulk,	1	Greencastle charge,	320	289	23	19		264	6		18	1	Greencastle, " " "
George W. Glessner,	1	Shippensburg charge,	150	100	15	8	4	150	4		5	1	Shippensburg, Cumberland co., "
Frederick A. Rupley,		Without charge,											Martinsburg, Blair county, "
Matthew Irvine,		do. do.											Bedford, Bedford " "
Theobald Fouse,	6	Woodcock Valley charge,	425	600	42	24	4	400	2		8	4	James creek. Huntingdon co., "
Henry Heckerman,	3	Bedford charge,	390	500	40	25	2	390			7	4	Bedford, Bedford county, "
Jeremiah Heller,	2	Martinsburg charge,	119	150	14	5	15	119	6			2	Martinsburg, Blair county, "
Samuel Miller,		Editor Kirchenzeitung,											Chambersburg, Franklin co., "
Jacob Hassler,	2	Loudon and St. Thomas,	200		20	15	9	180	6		9	2	Mercersburg, " " "
William M. Deatrick,	2	Yellow Creek charge,	112	125	5	11	7	112	5		4	2	Pattonsville, Bedford county, "
Henry W. Super,	2	Waynesboro' charge,	200	125	17	24	10	170			8	1	Waynesboro, Franklin " "
W. D. C. Rodrock,	4	Grindstonehill charge,	200					170	1		1	3	Greencastle, " " "
Samuel H. Reid,	2	Supply of Huntingdon charge	180	185	20	28					1	2	Water Street, Huntingdon " "
Nicholas Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville charge,	425	550	55	6		400	7		5	3	St. Clairsville, " " "
Vacant,	2	Mercersburg charge,			18	14	2	135	6		9		
Joseph Hannaberry,	3	Strasburg charge,	150		25	9	5	140			4	3	Strasburg, Franklin " "
Vacant,	3	McConnellsburg charge,	215					173					McConnellsburg, Fulton " "
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	4	Friend's Cove charge,	340					320					Charlesville, Bedford " "

Without charge: **Frederick A. Scholl, Greencastle, Pa., Jacob Mayer, Columbia, Pa.**

Licentiates: **Christian C. Russell, Abner Dale, Frederick Esch.**

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

Ministers.	No. Congr.	Congregations and Charges.	Members.	Bapt. Memb.	Baptized.	By Confirm.	By Certif.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excomm.	Deaths.	Sab. School.	Post Office Addresses.
Daniel Zeller,	5	Saucon, Saltsburg, &c.	639					639					Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John A. Strassburger,		Superannuated,											Sellersville, Bucks county, "
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen & Swamp,	860	1000	80	41	25	701		24	4		Upper Hanover, Montg'ry co. "
Lewis C. Herman,	3	Pottstown, Mountain, &c.,	800		42	10		800	2	25	2		New Hanover, " " "
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Pauls, Jerusalem, &c.,	800					664					Hellerstown, Northampton " "
William T. Gerhart,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.,	750		48	32		466		33	6		Bucksville, Bucks county, "
John Naille,	2	Towamencin and Wentz's,	294	322	20	24	6	220		14	2		Kulpsville, Montgomery co., "
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Amity, Pottstown, &c.,	725	674	70	62		514	1	30	4		Pottstown, " " "
Joshua H. Derr,	4	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.,	558					558					Sellersville, Bucks county, "
A. L. Dechant,	5	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,	463					495					Frederick, Montgomery co., "
Simon Gross,	1	New Hilltown, supplied by Rev. N. S. Aller.											
	2	Baumstown and Pricetown, supplied by Rev. W. A. Good,											
William Philips,	1	Reiglesville,										1	Easton, Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	1	Upper Milford,	83					75				1	Allentown, "

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

Ministers.	No. Cn	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. M.	Bapti.	By Con	By Cer.	Comm.	Dismis.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sab. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
Isaac Gerhart,	5	Manheim,	72		10			72			8	4	Lancaster city,	Pa
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata,	830		45	15		240		2	26	2	Ephrata, " "	"
Henry Harbaugh,	1	1st church,	608		38	29	9	538	7		13	2	Lancaster city,	"
Isaac S. Demund,	1	2nd church,	168		8			121			6	1	" "	"
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem,	177	130	8	7	6	116	2		8	2	Harrisburg " "	"
Vacant,	5	Hummelstown,	270	180	45	27	13	240	5		23	5	Hummelstown, Dauphin co.,	"
John V. Eckert,	2	New Providence,	163	120	16	18	4	112	7		4	2	New Providence, " "	"
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.,	2	New Holland,	120		12	23		120				2	New Holland, Lancaster co.,	"
John W. Hoffmeier,		Millersville,	228					194					Lancaster city,	"
Vacant,		Elizabethtown,	160					120						
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.,		Without charge,											Lancaster city,	"
Emanuel V. Gerhart,		President of F. & M. College,											do. do.	"
Thomas C. Porter,		Prof. in " "											do. do.	"
Theodore Apple,		" " " "											do. do.	"

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.	No. Cn	Congregations or Charges.	Mem.	B. M.	Bapti	Confir	Certi	Com.	Dism.	Exco.	Death.	Sab. S.	Post Office Addresses.	
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	480		49	9	30	345	15		8	1	Buffalo, Erie county,	New York,
Andrew Shröder,	1	Rochester,	120		19	3		80			2	2	Rochester,	"
George F. Jahncke,	1	Buffalo,	112		16		58	64	50		3	2	Buffalo, Erie county,	"
John F. Busche,	1	New York city,	111		87	10		111			3	1	New York city,	"
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston, Mass.,	231		54	1		112	19		10	1	Boston, Massachusetts,	
C. W. Van de Ven,	1	Clymer,	46		6	4		40			1	1	Rochester,	"
William Meyer,	1	Tonawanda,	289		56	12		289			23		Tonawanda, Erie co.,	"

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church of Ohio

AND

ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

FORT WAYNE, ALLEN COUNTY, IND.,

Commencing its Sessions on the 19th of May at 8 o'clock P. M., and Closing on Monday, the 24th.

DAYTON, O:
DAILY AND WEEKLY GAZETTE.

1858.

Elder—Jacob Ohl.

5. TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers—Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., E. Keller, J. J. Escher, and W. K. Zieber.

Elders—F. Reif, T. Swander, A. Bear, and Paul Hottel.

6. ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers—Rev. Wm. M. Reed, A. Shroder, and D. Lantz.*

Elders—J, Wert, Wm. Stough and H. Drover.

7. INDIANA CLASSIS.

None present.

8. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Minister—Rev. George Weber.

9. SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Minister—H. A. Winter.

10. ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Minister—Rev. D. Gachenheimer.

SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Rev. D. Gans.

Advisory Members—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, J. Hel, ler, J. H. Kline, J. Klingler, W. Wasnich, J. G. Kissell, J. B. Kniest J. M. Zuricher, H. C. Fehr, P. Roser, Wm. H. Steffens, P. Vitz, and J. Brecht.

Elder—John Bushong.

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*Took his seat on Friday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. H. Rust, *President.*

Rev. Geo. B. Russell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer.*

Rev. Geo. W. Williard, *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The standing rules of Synod were read by the Stated Clerk, and the following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the Sessions of Synod.

Morning Session to commence at 8½ and close a quarter before 12 o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On *Synodical Minutes*—Rev. G. B. Russell, J. Richards, G. Weber and Elders J. Haller and P. Whitehead.

On Overtures—Rev. P. D. Schory, Wm. M. Reed, I. S. Weisz, and Elders H. Leonard and F. Reif.

On Minutes of Classes—Rev. I. S. Weisz, H. A. Winter, H. K Baines, and Elders J. Haller and A. Bear.

On Examination, Licensure &c.—Rev. W. K. Zieber, George B. Russell, J. J. Escher, and Elders T. Swander and J. Cort.

On State of Religion—Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., A. Shroeder, D. Gans, and Elders Eman. Geisy and J. Ohl.

On Theological Seminary—Rev. J. J. Escher, P. C. Prugh, E. Keller, and Elders A. H. Baughman and Paul Hottel.

On College—Rev. P. C. Prugh, W. K. Zieber, M. Kieffer, and Elders P. Badorf and Wm. Stough.

On Missions—Rev. D. Gans, L. H. Kefauver, M. Kieffer, and Elders H. Leonard and J. Wert.

On Finance—Rev. L. H. Kefauver, J. Richards, D. Gachenheimer, and Elders H. Drover and Jesse Prugh.

On Publication—Rev. H. K. Baines, P. C. Prugh, P. D. Schory, and Elders A. H. Baughman and T. Swander.

On Religious Exercises—Rev. D. Winters, H. A. Winter, E. Keller, and Elders Jesse Prugh and J. Haller.

On Nominations—Rev. J. J. Excell, J. Richards, I. S. Weisz, and Elders Eman. Giesy and P. Whitehead.

On Education—Rev. E. Keller, D. Gans, G. B. Russell, and Elders T. Swander and H. Leonard.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of Communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The Minutes of last year, with those of the Synod of North America, were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the different Classes were received, and referred to the Com. on Minutes of Classes; the reports on the state of Religion and Statistics were referred to the Committee on that subject.

4. The annual reports of the different Boards were received and read, and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Sermon on Thursday evening, by Rev. J. B. Kniest.
" " Friday evening, by Rev. J J. Escher.
" " Friday, in the 1st Presbyterian Church by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Sermon on Friday, in the 1st Methodist Church by Rev. H. K. Baines.

Preparatory Service, on Saturday afternoon by Rev. D. Gachenheimer, and evening, by Rev. G. B. Russell.

Sermon on Sabbath morning, by Rev. H. Rust (German), and D. Gans (English.) After which, the administration of the Lord's supper, by Rev. G. W. Williard and the Pastor.—Evening, Rev. M. Kieffer.

Presbyterian Church (N. S.) Rev. I. S. Weisz, in the morning, and L. H. Kefauver in the afternoon.

First Methodist Church, Rev. G. W. Williard, in the morning, and G. B. Russell at night.

Second Methodist Church, Rev. J. J. Excell, in the morning, and I. H. Reiter, at night.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received.

Item 1. The reference of the Child's Paper project to the Board of Publication. Page 14.

2. The subject of Church Property in Pittsburgh. Page 15.

3. German Board of Publication. Page 16.

4. Committee on procuring a Seal for Synod. Page 17.

5. Appointment of Rev Rust and Prof. Kieffer on joint Committee with Eastern Synod, on European Churches.

6. A Committee to act jointly with one from the East, on several items referred to Synod by the Triennial Convention. Page 18.

7. A Committee appointed to draw up an appeal, &c. Page 18.

8. Special Committee appointed to report at this meeting of Synod on change of Constitution. Page 23.

9. Request for the alteration of the standing rule making each third yearly meeting of Synod a General Convention—laid on the table till this meeting of Synod. Page 23.

10. Delegate to the Eastern Synod. Page 47.

11. Different Boards elected for the year. Page 47.

12. Request to the Trustees of Heidelburg College.

13. The appointment of Rev. P. C. Prugh A. H. Baughman and H. Leonard Trustees to attend to our interest in certain lots in the city of Opechee, donated to Synod by Opechee City and Land Company.

MINUTES OF THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Item 1. Election of Delegate to this Synod. Page 13.

2. Joint Committee to act with one appointed by the Western Synod. Page 13.

3. A request to this Synod to appoint two members to act with their Committee on Correspondence with sister Churches in Europe. Page 15.

4. Reception of the Clarion Classis from this Synod. Page 80.

5. The attention of this Synod is requested to the consideration of the expediency of restoring the ancient name of "*Evangelical Reformed*" to our Church. Page 83.

6. A request to concur in the sending down to the respective Classes, a proposed amendment to the Constitution. Page 85.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

The report was received and adopted item by item.

Item 1. See report of Committee on Publication.

Item 2. The old Committee was discharged, and Elder H. Leonard was appointed to attend to our interest in said property.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to write again to Rev. J. Steiner, requesting him to return the documents bearing upon this subject, placed in his hands several years ago; and in case he does not notice this request, nor give satisfaction, the matter be referred to the Classis with which he stands connected, so as to procure said documents, with as little delay as possible.

Item 3. The Board reported. The report was received and adopted, and referred to the com. on Publication. (See their report.)

Item 4. The Committee reported progress and was continued.

Item 5. Committee reported progress and was continued. Committee consists of Rev. H. Rust and M. Kieffer.

Item 6. The Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee to which was referred several items in the proceedings of the late Triennial Convention, relating to a General Synod, and the change of names of Synods.

This special Committee was raised, as it would seem from the minutes, with no independent power; but simply to act in concert with a similar Committee already appointed by the East. No concert of action, however has been had by the Committees.

All the members of the Western Committee were present at the late Eastern Synod, and at different times urged the call of a joint meeting of the Committees. The Eastern Committee has as yet done nothing. In this view of the case, your committee have left the whole matter to lie over. The second item referred to them, especially has not suffered by the delay, for if the Synod take action on the recommendation to restore our original name, then the names of the Synods can be so modified as to express their relations to each other and to the whole Church.

If the committee is to be continued, it should be reconstructed; or, at least the vacancies, occasioned by the transfer of two of its members to the East, be filled, as the undersigned is the only remaining member now in the Western Synod's committee.

Respectfully offered:

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

The following committee was appointed for the ensuing year to act in concert with a similar one from the East: Rev. D. Winters, G. B. Russell, and L. H. Kefauver.

Item 7. The Chairman of the committee reported that he had conferred with the Chairman of the Eastern committee, and expected soon to receive from them an appropriate appeal published in book form. The report was received and adopted. The committee, consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh and S. B. Leiter, was continued.

Item 8. No report. The committee was discharged.

Item 9. Request not complied with.

Item 10. The Delegate presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your delegate primarius to the Eastern Synod, which held its one hundred and eleventh Annual Sessions in October, 1857, at Allentown, Pa., begs to report:

1. His attendance at the above time and place, where he was received in the name of the Western Synod, with the most fraternal christian kindness and courtesy.

2. He presented the salutations of the Western branch of the

Church to the Synod of the East, and assured them of our warm and unwavering attachment to the standards of our denomination. The wide fields for missionary operations in our bounds were recommended to their attention, and the claims of our infant institutions were not overlooked. The great future of the Church was acknowledged to be in the West, and hence their stakes are one with ours.

3. He was cordially invited to mingle with the members of the Synod in their deliberations, and freely participated in their business transactions. Especially in matters relating to the general interests of the Church West, as well as East. Privilege joined to duty made it pleasant for your delegate to co-operate heartily with brethren and fathers of our common faith. The transfer of the Clarion Classis from the Western to the Eastern Synod; the initiatory steps taken to restore our original name to our Church, and our relations to the Church in Europe, were among the most prominent items claiming the attention of both Synods. For a fuller account of these, together with others of great interest, we refer you to their Minutes.

The presiding officer of Synod commissioned your delegate to bring back with him to the Synod of the West, the most cordial reciprocations of fellowship, and sincere assurances of the lively interest they feel in our common trials, labors and success in the cause of our blessed Lord.

Freighted with pleasant recollections, that will long cluster around the Allentown Synod, we returned to join our brethren in their arduous labors of the West, feeling more than ever assured that the mountain ranges, which the Almighty has reared as dividing walls between us and the East, are not high enough to interrupt the bond that makes us all one in Christ Jesus, by whose Spirit we are born into the communion of Saints.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Stated Clerk was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. G. B. Russell for $8, being the one half of his expenses.

Item 11. Adopted.

Item 12. Complied with.

Item 13. The Trustees reported, through the Rev. P. C. Prugh, that they had secured the legal bond for 109 lots in the city of Opechee, the lots to be the property of Synod on the condition that we begin to build a church edifice on or before the 1st of June, 1858. The report was received and adopted. The Trustees were continued, with instructions to secure an extension of time for five years, if possible.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Attended to.

Item 3. The appointment was confirmed.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. See report of committee under requests in the report of the committee on Minutes of Classes.

Item 6. Referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. P. C. Prugh, D. Gans, W. K. Zieber. and Elders J. Prugh and T. Swander. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee are of the same opinion with the Eastern Synod: "That there are some cases when a child should be baptized, neither of whose parents are confirmed members of the Church. Even on the principle that the blessing of baptism depends entirely on the covenant made with christian parents, it is thought that baptized, but unconfirmed members have not entirely forfeited their claims upon the covenant mercies of God in behalf of their children, inasmuch as they may subsequently consent to be confirmed." Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod unite with the Synod of North America in handing down to the respective classes for their adoption or rejection, the insertion into the present constitution, as the 2d Article in Part Fourth, the following article from the old constitution:

"If any one of the parents manifest a cordial desire to be admitted to communion, and, in such a frame of mind, engage to profit by the next opportunity, and also maintain a christian deportment, the child may be baptized."

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

1. CALLS FROM VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

A letter addressed to the Rev. J. W. Hamm, and referred to this Synod, expressing a desire to obtain a Pastor. Dated at Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio. Signed by Wm. Schmitt.

2. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Item 1 Is an application on the part of Trinity Church, Marion County, Ohio, under the Pastoral care of the Rev. J. G. Ruhl, to be received under the care of this Synod.

Item 2 Is an application by the Church Council of the German Evangelical Reformed congregation of Terre Haute, Indiana, for aid to the amount of $300.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

A letter from the Rev. Phillip Becker, of the St. Johns classis; dated Fort Wayne, Ind., requesting Synod to appoint a committee to investigate and adjust the difficulties existing between himself and the Rev. J. M. Zuricher.

Respectfully submitted:

P. D. SCHORY, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

The attention of Rev. Mr. Fair was directed to the call from Ashland.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Item 1. Petition granted.

Item 2. Referred to the Board of Church Extension.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

The complaint of Rev. P. Becker was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. P. D. Schory, I. H. Reiter, E. Keller, and Elders H. Leonard and Joseph Cort. The committee subsequently presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the request of the Rev. Phillip Becker of the St. Johns Classis, to have a committee appointed by Synod to investigate and adjust the difficulty existing between himself and the Rev. J. M. Zuricher, of the Classis of Illinois, beg leave to report, that the interference complained of is within the geographical bounds of the St. Joseph Classis, to whose jurisdiction the case properly belongs.

The difficulty in adjusting it by the St. Joseph Classis is owing to the fact that the St. Johns Classis, under the arrangement under which it was constituted, has no geographically defined bounds. If this indefiniteness of the bounds of said Classis be allowed to continue, it naturally will bring it into collision with the jurisdiction of other Classes. Your Committee, would, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod, convinced of the necessity of each classis having its definite geographical bounds, in order to prevent future difficulties between the jurisdiction of the different classes, discontinue the indefinite arrangement under which said classis was constituted.

Resolved, 2. That the St. Johns classis be requested to dismiss the Rev. Phillip Becker to the St. Joseph classis, within whose bounds he labors.

Resolved, 3. That the attention of the St. Joseph classis be now called to the adjudication of these difficulties.

Resolved, 4. That the St. Johns and the Sandusky classes be re-

quested mutually to agree upon their respective boundary subject to the confirmation of Synod.

Respectfully submitted:

P. D. SCHORY *Chairman.*

The report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted item by item, and is as follows:

Your committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

1. IRREGULARITIES.

Item 1. Lancaster Classis, at a special meeting, elected a lay delegate to Synod, without having inserted such election as an item of business in the call. Adopted.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Item 1. Lancaster Classis requests Synod to take steps for the purpose of establishing a fund for the benefit of disabled Ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers.

Referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. M. Kieffer, G. B. Russell, H. K. Baines; and Elders J. Haller and H. Leonard, to report at the next regular meeting of Synod, in regard to the propriety of establishing such a fund, either by this Synod alone, or in conjunction with the society of the Eastern Synod.

Item 2. Miami Classis requests Synod to consider the importance and propriety of resuming the former and proper name of our Church, viz: *Evangelical Reformed.*

This request was referred to a special committee of one from each classis to report upon this subject. Committee consists of Rev. J. Richards, P. D. Schory, G. B. Russell, J. J. Excell, M. Kieffer, Wm. M. Reed, G. Weber, H. A. Winter, D. Gachenheimer; and Elders H. Leonard, J. Haller, J. Cort, and T. Swander.

This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the special committee to which were referred several items respecting the name of the Church.

The request "to restore the original and ancient name, Evangeli-

cal Reformed," is based on an assumption which, if well founded, will go far towards determining the action of Synod in the case.

The Reformation movement of the sixteenth century, to which we trace our distinctive origin as a legitimate part of Protestantism, restored the Evangelical character to the church, and gave proper prominence to the Gospel, which had been long obscured by the Papal ritual and gross abuses. It was, therefore, called *Evangelical Reformed* to distinguish it as the Church of the Gospel from the corruption from which it was reformed. When the sacramental controversy afterwards divided the Protestant movement, the one main division assumed the name, Evangelical Lutheran, and the other retained the more fortunate generic name, Evangelical Reformed. Both were Evangelical, as retaining largely the Gospel element, and Reformed and Lutheran, were the terms designating the particular Sacramental School to which each belonged.

In transplanting the different European branches of the Reformed family into America, it was thought expedient to distinguish, in the colonial times especially, between the Dutch and German. In the use of the particular and specific name denoting their national origin and relation to the Mother Church of the Fatherland, the generic name seems to have been dropped. Hence we conclude that "Evangelical Reformed" was the original name of our Church, and that it also bore the title of the German Branch as showing its relation to the Mother Church. From this it would appear that there need be no *change*, but only a *restoration* of that name which more properly designates this part of the Protestant Reformation. While the congregations of the Church in this country were altogether or mainly German in language, the name by which we are at present known, may have been a less glaring mis-nomer than it is now. A large part of the Church, however, is already using the English language in its service, and is daily more and more requiring it. While thus changing the language of the fathers, they nevertheless retain and cherish, as we should always do, the original genius of the Church. But it is generally conceived to be an absurd contradiction to call them English German Reformed. In districts where the Church is well and favorably known, this may not be so apparent; as there, they are sufficiently designated by the general name, Reformed. In other places, however, it is almost impossible to educate the community into a correct apprehension of the true character of our church, by calling it only reformed, where there are others bearing the same general name. It then requires the full name as at present recognized by the Synod, which embarrasses us and confounds those unacquainted with us. This is a serious barrier against the establishing of new congregations, especially in the English communities.

Room ought also to be made for embracing in the arms of our church in this country, the immigrant Swiss, French and other Reformed branches which originally accepted our excellent Heidelburg Catechism, and still cherish love for the same. Had we but secured these, our position as a denomination would probably be far different

to-day from what it is now. Especially ought we to be able to receive the Reformed part of those coming from the United Evangelical Church of Germany.

As to the importance of the proposed restoration, we may hardly allow the report to speak in full. The term German, as applied to the Church, we may say without meaning any disrepect, whatever, misrepresents us before the public. Besides, it limits the operations of the church, and prevents it from providing, except, as already stated, in way of contradiction; for her natural children, who are thus driven to seek a home elsewhere. The very marrow of her strength is continually drained from her life, to supply vigor and health to other bodies. To allow this to be longer the case, is a suicidal course, which ought not henceforth to be followed. It also hinders incalculably, the expansion of our efforts in widening our borders. Our present name indicates a sort of provincial character which circumscribes us within their fixed limits. If ever our present bounds are to be passed over, it can be better done under our original name, than the present one. The genius and peculiar standpoint of the church at this time, fits us to fill an important general mission in American Protestantism. Anything, therefore, which stands in the way of our church, so that its great purposes be frustrated, should be removed. North, East, South and West, the field is opening wide, and Providence directs us to enter; but so long as we are cramped as we have been and are now, the great work must remain for the most part undone.

The German part of the church would in no way be damaged; for they could still be properly known as German Evangelical Reformed, which is the corporate title of many congregations at the present time. The English missions could then be established much more easily, especially where we are not now properly known as a church, as English Evangelical Reformed, without being compelled to bear the incubus of a mis-nomer which is a self-contradiction.

Objections may possibly be urged. The main one, which is of any force at all, is, that it might affect seriously the title in church property. But this itself may prove a good opportunity to have our title in various church property examined and secured. As the matter now stands, perhaps not over one-half of the churches are secured in the right of the German Reformed Church. Many, as is well known, are now deeded to the German Evangelical Reformed Church, some to German Presbyterian, and very much is not secured at all. It is thought that a general act of legislation by each State, in the limits of which our churches are located, would be sufficient, not only to guarantee to us all we now hold in our present name, but would also secure our rights in that which is at present so loosely held. If not, at least every congregation would have direct occasion to have the proper changes made in our property. In view of the whole case, the committee would offer the following resolution for the consideration of Synod.

1. *Resolved*, That we consider it expedient and important to have

our original name, "*Evangelical Reformed*," restored to the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That this subject be referred down to the different classes composing this Synod, requesting their consent to the proposed restoration.

3. *Resolved*, That the Eastern Synod be respectfully requested to join in this action and take measures to obtain the concurrence of their classes.

Respectfully submitted:

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

3. Westmoreland Classis respectfully requests the Board of Publication to have more care exercised in selecting articles for the columns of the Western Missionary, as well as more accuracy given to the typographical composition of its articles.

Referred to the Board of Publication.

4. Westmoreland Classis also respectfully requests the Board of Home Missions to appropriate *three hundred dollars* to the support of the new German Enterprise, in the city of Pittsburg, beginning with the 1st of April, 1858.

Referred to the Board of Mission.

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

Item 1. Miami, Westmoreland, Illinois, St. Joseph, Lancaster and Sheboygan Classes, have expressed their interest in the establishment of Classical Academies and Female Seminaries, and resolved to do all in their power for their erection. [Adopted.]

2. St. John's, Lancaster, Sandusky, St. Joseph, Westmoreland Miami, Indiana, Illinois, Sheboygan and Tiffin Classses, accede to Synod's request with reference to catechetical sermons, or exercises in the Church on Sunday afternoon or evening, for the benefit of the adult as well as the young. [Adopted.]

3. Tiffin, Miami, Illinois, Westmoreland, and St. Joseph Classes direct the attention of their ministers to the creation of a fund for the annual increase of the Seminary Library. [Adopted.]

4. St. Johns, Illinois, Sheboygan, Tiffin, Lancaster, Sandusky, Westmoreland and Miami Classes, have resolved to devote the collections taken up at all the communion seasons to a strictly benevolent object, as a thank-offering to the Lord. [Adopted.]

5. Miami, Westmoreland St. Joseph, Indiana, Tiffin, Illinois, and St. Johns, Classes, accede to the request of Synod, of endeavoring to create a fund for disabled Ministers and widows. [Adopted.]

6. Lancaster, St. Joseph, Westmoreland, Miami, St. Johns, Indiana and Tiffin Classes, urge each of their Ministers to take up annual collections for domestic missions. [Adopted.]

7. Miami, Indiana, Tiffin, Westmoreland, St. Joseph, Lancaster, and Sandusky Classes, adopted resolutions requesting their Ministers to take up special collections for the immediate wants of the Seminary. [Adopted.]

8. Sandusky, St. Joseph, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Tiffin and Miami Classes, accede to the earnest request of Synod to make an immediate and determined effort to furnish every family in their respective charges with a weekly copy of the "Western Missionary." [Adopted.]

9. Miami, Lancaster, St. Johns and Westmoreland Classes, call the attention of their Stated Clerks to the request of Synod, that they report immediately to the Trustees of Heidelburg College, the names of such persons as have been elected by the several Classes. Adopted.]

10. Westmoreland and Tiffin Classes have resolved to make renewed efforts in behalf of Beneficiary Education—Westmoreland Classis promising to raise this year two hundred dollars.

11. St. Joseph, Lancaster, Miami, Westmoreland, Indiana, Sandusky and St. Johns Classes, make arrangements for the liquidation of their indebtedness to Synod. [Adopted.]

12. Lancaster Classis accedes to the request of Synod, to co-operate with the Board of Trustees in the work of collecting the interest on bonds and notes due the Theological Seminary. [Adopted.]

4. RECEPTIONS, DISMISSIONS, &C.

Miami Classis dismissed the Licentiate, F. W. Steffens, to Indiana Classis; ordained the Licentiate, A. C. Kendig; suspended the Rev. J. C. Freygang, and dismissed the Rev. R. P. Thomas to the Westmoreland Classis.

Lancaster Classis received the Rev. Henry Williard from the Classis of Sandusky; dismissed the Rev. J. Weaver to the Miami Classis; licensed and ordained Mr. C. W. Hoyman.

Westmoreland Classis received the Rev. L. H. Kefauver from the Maryland Classis, the Licentiate, F. K. Levan from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and A. B. Koplin from the Tiffin Classis, and ordained them to the Gospel Ministry. The same Classis licensed and ordained Messrs. G. A. Fickes, and Jacob Roemer, and received the Rev. R. P. Thomas from the Miami Classis, and Rev. B. Knepper from Illinois.

Sheboygan Classis dismissed the Licentiate, F. S. Grossbusch, to the Classis of New York.

Sandusky Classis dismissed the Rev. H. Williard to the Lancaster Classis, and received the Rev. Henry Hess from the Presbyterian Church.

Tiffin Classis received Rev. E. Brakefield from the M. Episcopal Church; Rev. J. Heller from the Mercersburg Classis; dismissed Rev. C. F. Schwartz to the Presbytery of Dubuque, and Rev. H. Bentz to the Illinois Classis. The same Classis also licensed Mr. Chr. Raths, and Char. Fehr; licensed and ordained Mr. H. Kortheur,

P. Teudich, J. B. Kniest, D. W. Kelley and D. H. Reiter, and dismissed the Licentiate Chas. Fehr, to St. John's Classis.

Indiana Classis received the Licentiate F. W. Steffens, from the Miami Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry, the same Classis dismissed Rev. C. Becker to the Bergen Classis, Reformed Dutch Church, and Rev, G. Long to the Muncie Presbytery.

St. John's Classis received Rev. Fred. Wahl from Clarion Classis, and dismissed Rev. C. Bank to the Tiffin Classis, received the Licentiate Chas. Fehr from Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry.

St. Joseph Classis received Rev. J. J. Brecht from Tiffin Classis, Rev. A. Schroeder from New York Classis, and Rev. W. B. Sandoe from the Independent Synod.

Illinois Classis received Rev. Henry Knepper and John Hoyman, from the Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Rev. Benjamin Knepper to Westmoreland, and Rev. J. U. Zuricher to St. Joseph Classis.—[Adopted.]

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Miami Classis meets in New Madison, Dark Co., Ohio, on Tuesday evening before the full moon in October, of the year 1858. Rev. J. Vogt, President, Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis meets at Kinnickkinnick, Ross Co., Ohio, on Friday, October 15, 1858, at 6½ o'clock, P. M. Rev. P. D. Schory, President; Rev. I. S. Weiss, Stated Clerk.

Westmoreland Classis meets in Somerset Pa., on the first Friday in November, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. L. H. Kefauver, President; Rev. G. B. Russell, Stated Clerk:

Sheboygan Classis meets in Zion's Church, Sheboygan Wisconsin, on the first Thursday, in December, 1858, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Rev. H. A. Winter, President, Rev. J. Bossard, Secretary.

Sandusky Classis meets in Reedsburg, Wayne Co., Ohio, on the 24th day of September, A. D., 1858 at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. P. J. Spangler, President; Rev. Wm. McCaughey, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis meets in the second German Reformed Church in Tiffin Ohio, on Thursday, after the full moon in October, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. Kieffer, President; Rev. H. J. Rutenick, Stated Clerk.

Illinois Classis meets in Rock Grove, Stephenson Co., Illinois, on the first Thursday in October, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. Knepper, President; Rev. F. C. Bauman, Stated Clerk.

Indiana Classis meets in Lawrenceburg, Ind., on the Thursday before the full moon in October, 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. H. Zumpe, President; Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Stated Clerk.

St. John's Classis meets in North Georgetown, Columbiana Co., O., on the first Tuesday in October, 1858, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. P. Herbruck, President; Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

St. Joseph Classis meets in the first German Reformed Church, in Detroit, Michigan, on the 21st of October 1858, at 6 o'clock, P. M.—Rev. W. Wasnich, President; Rev. Wm. M. Reed, Stated Clerk.

CLASSICAL TRUSTEES OF HEIDELBURG COLLEGE.

1. Miami Classis: Rev. G. W. Williard.
2. Lancaster Classis: Rev. I. S. Weisz, J. H. Ruser.
3. Westmoreland Classis: Rev. G. B. Russell, Elder; Jos. Cort.
4. Sheboygan Classis: Rev. H. A. Winter, A. Muhlmeyer.
5. Sandusky Classis: none elected.
6. Tiffin Classis: Rev. J. Heller.
7. Illinois Classis: Rev. F. C. Bauman.
8. Indiana Classis: none elected.
9. St. John's Classis, Rev. D. Kemmerer.
10. St. Joseph Classis: Elders, Wm. Stough and J. Bushong.

Respectfully submitted:

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application having been made in behalf of N. H. Loose, Wm. H. Fenneman and Andrew Butt, for examination, licensure and ordination, the two former being Students of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin O., and the latter a worthy member of the Methodist Church, they were referred to the committee on examination, &c. The committee after a careful examination of the applicants, presented the following report which was adopted.

The committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination, respectfully report:

That they have examined the candidates N. H. Loose, Wm. H. Fenneman and Andrew Butt, and are satisfied with the result of the examination.

Respectfully submitted:

W. K. ZIEBER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to furnish N. H. Loose, Wm. H. Fenneman and Andrew Butt, with the regular testimonials of licensure, to preach the Gospel upon their signing the Constitutional Formula. Having publicly acceeded to this requirement, they were regularly licensed to preach the Gospel.

A request having been made for the ordination of Andrew Butt, by certain congregations in Williams Co. O., which had extended a call to him to become their pastor, it was resolved that he be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Saturday night after the regular services, by the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination. Mr. A. Butt, and the call extended to him were referred to the St. Joseph classes, within whose bound his field of labor lies.

Mr. Wm. H. Fenneman was placed under the care of Tiffin Classis, and N. H. Loose, under the care of Lancaster Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals submitted the following report which was received and adopted.

The history of another synodical year adds its testimony to the history of the past, that our Holy Christian Religion is progressive. When compared for instance, with light, it shineth more and more unto the perfect day; when likened unto the leaven then it worketh until the whole lump is leavened; when its principle and nature are illustrated by the different forms of natural life we have first the blade, then the ear, and afterwards the full corn in the ear. It is like the mustard seed, which unfolds its inward life, and grows until it becometh a great tree. When compared with a building, its parts are all living stones, fitly joined together, growing up unto a heavenly temple in the Lord. When Christ prolongs his days, and sees his seed, they grow in knowledge and in grace, until they attain the perfect stature of a man in him. Hence it is that christianity has a history in the form of the church, which is the body of Christ, the fullness of him that filleth all in all; it *lives and grows*.

The following facts, gathered from the reports, placed in our hands, clearly indicate the vigorous growth and encouraging progress of our branch of the church, during the past year.

The first, which we record with devout thanks to almighty God, is the accession made to our ministerial rank. The lives of the brethren, with but one exception, the Rev. J. Baumunk, have been precious in the sight of the Lord, they have been preserved as faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of peace, who unfold the *synthesis*, so to speak, between the great fact of redemption and man's need of the

same. Their number has been considerably increased by graduates from our school of the prophets, and also by the admission of some from sister branches of the church. But as the waste places are still numerous, as the harvest is great, let us pray the Lord to send forth still more laborers.

In this connection we mention, as another evidence of prosperity, the faithful, the self-denying, and efficient labors of our ministry.—The word has been preached in its purity, in the power and demonstration of the spirit; it has been sown as good seed upon good soil, which has brought forth fruit, some sixty, and some an hundred fold. Christ, who is the power of God, and the wisdom of God unto salvation, has evidently been set before the people as crucified, and in his glorified form he has appeared unto many as the chief among ten thousand, and the one altogether lovely. Under the power of the word, as accompanied by the Spirit, many sinners have been convicted of sin of righteousness and of judgment; many have been savingly illumined and converted; Christ has been formed in them the hope of glory. Pastoral visitation and the catechising of the young, have received considerable attention. Family altars have been erected, Sabbath schools have been organized, and the children trained in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The sealing ordinances, baptism, and the Lord's supper have also, been faithfully administered. The children of believing parents have been brought upon the hand of faith to the baptismal fountain, and by being baptized in the name of the Trinity, have been received into covenant with God. Adult believers have taken upon them the vows of the church, and have received the spirit of adoption. The people of God discerning the Lord's body in the holy Eucharist, have been nourished unto eternal life, and sealed unto the day of redemption. Thus the body of Christ has been edified; the stakes of Zion have been strengthened, and her cords lengthened. The Lord has been as the dew unto Israel: his spirit has been poured out upon our churches, as the rain upon the mown grass.

Another favorable indication is the spirit of union and love which reigns in our midst. This spirit characterises the deliberations and proceedings of all our ecclesiastical bodies. The watchmen of Zion seem to see eye to eye, as they never did before. Peace, that peace which the world knows nothing of, prevails throughout the length and breadth of our borders. The minds and hearts of the members of our congregations have been kept in the love of Christ, and this bond of perfectness keeps them united as members of the same household. How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace and unity.

It is gratifying also to learn and record the extensive revival of the missionary spirit in our churches. This spirit, which we record as the measure of Christian piety, has been working intensively and extensively. It has not only blessed the destitute by sending the living missionory, &c., but it has also brought its rich blessings to those in whom it dwells; as it is written "They that water others

shall themselves be watered." But whilst we are favored with the evidences of the Lord's presence with us, and whilst we cannot sufficiently praise him for his unspeakable mercy and goodness, it becometh us to remember that there yet remaineth much land to be possessed. The missionary field before us is without limit. More laborers are needed in our immediate midst. As a people we have our besetting sins, and need a deeper humiliation and more of a spirit of prayer, yea, more of the mind and spirit of Christ. Not as though we had already attained, therefore, or were already perfect, let us press forward as a Church to the mark of the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus, to whose name, with that of the Father and Holy Ghost, be all the praise. Amen,

Respectfully submitted:

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman*,

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

I.—Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

The Board, as elected by Synod one year ago, was organized according to the requirements of the charter by the election of the undersigned as President, and Thomas Schaeffer as Treasurer. Different meetings were held during the year, and strict attention given to the solemn trust committed to our hands.

In presenting our annual report, it affords us pleasure to be able to say that the financial condition of the Seminary is in some respects in a better state than it was one year ago, as the receipts during the past year have been greater than during the preceeding one, by means of which the board has been able to reduce its indebtedness. Most of the notes given in the purchase of the house and lot for the free use of the Professor according to the instruction of Synod at its special meeting in Delaware have been cancelled, leaving only about $200 more to be paid. In reaching this result, however, the Synod should remember that it will be necessary to increase the endowment, or else provide for the salary of the Professor in part by some special agency, inasmuch as that portion of the endowment which has been invested in the house will yield nothing for the immediate use, which will be seriously felt by the Board. There should in view of this be an increase of $2,000 to the endowment, so as to enable the Board to pay the salary of the Professor as it becomes due. The agent of our institutions has thus far operated but little for the Seminary, as his services were specially needed for the college, to relieve it from its embarassment. We hope, however, that he may be able to do more for this department in future than heretofore.

The salary of the Professor has been paid up to the present time. To do this the Board has been compelled to borrow some funds which should be paid as soon as possible. We would therefore urge upon Synod the importance of taking some action that will secure special collections or contributions to this object so as to enable the Board to meet all its liabilities.

There is still a considerable amount due the Seminary in notes and interest on Plainfield Bonds, which the Board has not been able to collect. Could any plan be devised to secure the prompt payment of these it would be a great relief.

We would yet call the attention of Synod to the resolution passed in Tiffin two years ago requesting the Board to pay the removal expenses of Prof. Kieffer. This the Board has not been able to do for the want of funds, nor do we see how it is possible for it to do so, as the funds for the immediate use of the Seminary have not been sufficient to pay the salary of the Professor, making it necessary to borrow from time to time. We would therefore respectfully refer it back to Synod, with the hope that it will provide for its immediate payment by pledges from the different members present, or by an apportionment among the different classes.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer will show the amount of receipts and expenses of the past year to which the attention of Synod is respectfully called.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, President, in behalf of the Board.

II.—Report of Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

THOS. SCHAEFFER, *Treasurer.* Dr.

To the *Theological Seminary of German Reformed Church.*

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1857.			
Aug. 11.	To	cash of Indiana Classis, per Rev. G. W. Williard..	5 00
Apr. 10.	To	" of Bunn on bond, per Prof. Kieffer.....	92 10
Sep. 15.	To	" of Hoffer, per Rev. Baines.....	15 00
Sep. 15.	To	" of A. Weimer balance of note.....	5 00
Oct. 31.	To	" of Donation, Mary E. Ashbaugh, per Leonard.	100 00
Oct. 31.	To	" of J. W. Hamm, balance of bond to Blain....	50 09
Nov. 12.	To	" of Rev. I. H. Reiter, on loan to Synod.....	87 00
Dec. 26.	To	" of D. Weidner, bal. of note.....	10 00
Dec. 28.	To	" of L. Mease, bal. of note.....	5 00
1858.			
Jan. 1.	To	" of J, Gross, for note to Rev. Baines.....	30 00
Feb. 25.	To	" of J. L. Gill and others, amount of loan.....	350 00
Mar. 17	To	" of H. Kaylor on note, to H. Leonard.....	55 00
"	To	" of Moses Foltz, per H. Leonard.....	10 00
"	To	" of S. Suiter, per H. Leonard.....	5 00
"	To	" of J. T. Blain on note.....	25 00

Apr. 6.	To " of Rev. I. H. Reiter on loan to Synod.....		40 00
Apr. 13	To " of " " " " "		36 00
Apr. 13	To " of " " " " "		20 00
Apr. 19	To " of " " " " "		32 00
Apr. 22	To " of S. Nazor, per Rev. Hess.....		20 00
Apr. 26	To " of J. T. Blain on note.....		25 00
May 6.	To " of Rev. I. H. Reiter on loan to Synod.....		28 00
	Total.....		$1,075 10
1857.		Contra Cr.	
Apr. 10.	By Seminary loan for immediate use, Kieffer...	92 10	
Oct. 31.	By included in Blains note funds, from Hamm..	50 00	
1858.			
Feb. 17.	By paid J. Hedge on note.....	200 00	
Feb. 27.	By " " in full.....	119 43	
Apr. 24.	By paid Rev. A. Wanner on note.....	350 00	
May 14	By " " " "	200 00	$1,011 53
	Balance on hand.....		$63 57

FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

1857.			
June 10.	To interest on bond of J. Snyder.....		6 00
"	To interest on bond of J. Royer, per Prof. Kieffer	6 00	
"	To interest on bond of J. Sonendecker, per Prof. Kieffer.....	3 00	
"	To subscription of Rev. Baines, per Prof. Kieffer	27 00	
"	To " of Rev. R Good per Prof. Kieffer	23 00	
"	To " of H. Leonard, per Prof. Kieffer	27 00	
"	To " of J. Bretta, per Prof. Kieffer...	20 50	
"	To " of Sundry funds, per Prof. Kieffer.....	3 00	
"	To collection by Prof. Kieffer.....	40 00	
"	To " " " "	35 10	$184 60
June 25.	To interest of W. Marshall, per Rev. D. Winters	3 00	
"	To interest of Joseph Coblents, per Rev. D. Winters.....	6 00	89 00
Aug. 26.	To subscription of Harner, per Rev. Baines.....		3 00
Sept. 1.	To interest of M. Baughman, per A. H. Baughman....		6 00
"	To interest of A. H. Baughman.....		6 00
"	To interest of D. Beam, per Rev. T. H. Winters.....		5 00
"	To interest of John Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....		6 00
Sept. 3.	To interest of A. Schmertz, per D. Kemmerer.....		5 00
"	To interest of H. Bott, per D. Kemmerer.....		3 00
Sept. 7.	To interest of J. Ridennaur, per D. Winters.....		4 80
Sept. 15.	To contribution of Leonard Hawk, per Rev. Williard..		1 00
Oct. 6.	To interest of Jesse Prugh.....		6 00
Oct. 31.	To interest of J. Musser, per Blain.....		6 00
"	To interest of D. Fickinger, per Blain.....		6 00
"	To interest of J. L. Gill on note.....		50 00
"	To amount of funds of Blain on settlement.....		34 65
"	To interest of J. Reedy.....		3 00

Nov. 3.	To subscription of 1st Church, Tiffin charge, Rev. Kieffer	10 00
"	To " of Rev. R. Good's charge, Rev. Kieffer..	9 00
"	To " of Eli Keller's charge, Rev. Kieffer.....	8 00
"	To " of Rev. S. B. Leiter's charge, Rev. Kieffer	8 00
"	To " of P. J. Spangler's charge, Rev. Kieffer.	34 00
"	To interest of P. Badorf.....	3 00
Dec. 16.	To interest of D. Wampler.....	3 00
Dec. 23.	To interest of J. M. & W. Rader, per Rev. Prugh.....	6 00
Dec, 26.	To interest of D. Weidner on note.....	6 00
Dec. 28.	To interest of Rev. J. Richards.....	18 00
"	To interest of Lewis Mease on note.....	1 00
1858.		
Jan. 1.	To interest of Rev. E. V. Gerhart	6 00
Jan. 6.	To interest of Abel Peterson per Rev. T. H. Winters...	3 00
"	To interest of Jesse Peterson, per T. H. Winters.....	9 00
Jan. 9.	To interest of A. & J. Mast, per Rev. Dechant.....	3 93
Jan. 30.	To interest of J. Royer, per Prof. Kieffer.....	12 00
"	To subscription of Ceasars Creek Congregation.....	2 00
Feb. 1.	To subscription of Beaver Creek Congregation, per Rev. Prugh.....	6 00
"	To interest of S. Snyder, per Rev. Prugh.....	6 00
Feb. 16.	To interest of E. Geisy on Loan.....	85 00
Feb. 18.	To collection of Xenia Cong. per Rev. Prugh.....	6 00
"	To interest of Rev. D. Winters	6 00
"	To interest of J. Darner, per Rev. D. Winters.....	6 00
"	To interest of D. H. Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....	5 00
"	To interest of J. V. Prugh, per Rev. D. Winters.....	3 00
Feb. 22.	To interest of B. Ewry. per Rev. D. Winters.....	3 00
Feb. 25.	To interest of J. L. Gill on note.....	10 24
Mar. 2.	To interest of G. Brown, per Rev. D. Winters.....	9 00
Mar. 12.	To interest of L. Miller.....	6 00
Mar. 13.	To interest of J. Sonendecker.....	3 00
Mar. 17.	To cash of F. Kayler on note to Leonard.....	20 00
"	To interest of M. Foltz, per Leonard	3 00
Mar. 23.	To interest of P. Pence, per Rev. Williard.....	3 00
Apr. 13.	To interest of S. B. Leiter.....	12 00
Apr. 17.	To interest of Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	6 00
Apr. 27.	To interest of Rev. Max Stem, per Rev. Williard.....	3 00
"	To interest of Rev. Wahl, per Rev. Williard.....	4 00
"	To interest of J. Meyer, per Rev. Williard.....	4 00
Apr. 28.	To interest of G. Schaeffer, per Rev. Williard.....	3 00
"	To interest of J. Kuhns, per Rev. Williard.....	3 00
Apr. 30.	To interest of D. Wilkins, per Rev. T. H. Winters.....	25 00
"	To interest of W. A. Charles, per Rev. T H. Winters..	6 00
"	To collection of Messrs Retig and others, per H. Leonard	4 00
"	To subscription of J. Middleton, per Rev. T H. Winters.	10 00
"	To subscription of J. Malow, per Rev. T. H. Winters...	4 00
"	To subscription of J. Nash, per Rev. T. H. Winters....	1 00
May 8.	To cash of first Church, Tiffin, Prof. Kieffer.....	8 50
"	To cash of Broomville Congregation, Prof. Kieffer.....	5 00
May 8.	To cash of Somerset charge, per Prof. Kieffer.....	33 50
	Total.....	$799 22

1857.			Contra Cr.
June 10.	By amount paid Prof. Kieffer on salary.....	$144 60	
June 25.	By " " " " " "	40 00	

"	By loss on $3 bill to Rev. D. Winters..... ..	2 00	
Aug. 10.	By paid Rev. Prugh's expenses to Columbus to settle	2 10	
Sept. 1.	By paid for book for Treasurer.....	2 25	
Nov. 3.	By paid Prof. Kieffer on salary $69 and $7.....	76 00	
"	By paid P. O. Stamps, Envelopes, &c.....	4 23	
Nov. 9.	By paid committee to Columbus to settle with Treasurer.....	9 30	
Nov. 13	By paid Prof. Kieffer on salary.....	100 00	
Nov. 20	By paid for 1000 Circulars.....	2 50	
Dec. 10.	By paid to Rev. A. Wanner on note as interest...	30 00	
"	By paid Telegraph to Columbus, Marrie's case.	35	
1858.			
Jan. 21.	By paid to Prof. Kieffer on Salary.....	19 20	
"	By " " " " "	14 00	
Feb. 3.	By " " " " "	7 00	
Feb. 22.	By " " " " "	11 00	
Feb. 25.	By paid, O. Dressel Esq., collecting Gill's note.	10 80	
Feb. 27.	By paid, Prof. Kieffer on Salary.....	52 57	
Mar. 2.	By paid, for Stamps, Envelopes, &c.....	2 50	
Mar. 11	By paid to Prof. Kieffer, by Rev. Williard.....	1 00	
Mar. 17	By " " " by H. Leonard.....	23 00	
April 8.	By " " " " " "	4 00	
Apr. 27	By " " " by Rev. Wahl....	1 00	
May 5.	By " " "	75 00	
May 8.	By " " "	8 50	
"	By " " "	5 00	
"	By " " "	33 50	
May 14	By " " "	21 00	
"	By " " " by W. H. Gibson's note.	72 63	$785 03
	To balance on hand.....		$14 19

THOS. SCHAEFFER, Treas. Theo. Sem.

Dayton, May 14, 1858.

III.—Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The committee on the Theological Seminary, report that the only documents placed in their hands were the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and the report of the Board of Visitors, in respect to which we would submit the following items.

1. The payment of the house purchased for the use of the Theological professor, has consumed a considerable amount of the endowment fund, and since $200 remain to be paid yet,

Resolved, That we call the special attention of our worthy agent to the speedy completion of the endowment; requesting him to secure at least $2,000, that we may be enabled to pay the salary of the Professor as it becomes due.

Missions continued from last year.

1. Beardstown, Ill. Beardstown is situated on the Illinois River, about one hundred miles north of St. Louis, and contains a population of two thousand inhabitants. To this place Rev. C. Schiller was commissioned with an appropriation of $100, a few weeks before the present Board came into office. The congregation then numbered twenty members; it has since been increased to forty-two. In the midst of many discouragements the labor of this worthy missionary has been crowned with success. The congregation has purchased a lot upon which they propose building a church edifice this year. At their own proposal the appropriation this year has been reduced to $50. The Mission is entirely German.

2. Clay and Owen Counties, Indiana. One year of this commission expired the first of April, but it has been renewed, The appropriation was reduced to $75. The Rev. Theodore Etter has been laboring here, faithfully, amid almost overwhelming discouragements, most of which arise from the want of a proper Christian Spirit of union among professed Christians. He received into the church during the past year, twenty members. The charge is composed of four congregations. The great obstacle to the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom here, as in all other missionary fields, is the want of a church building. The labors of the missionary are also restricted for the want of a horse. This mission is entirely German.

3. Toledo. This Mission continues in a prosperous state without much change since the last annual report. During the year the congregation again met one-half of their church debt; next year they expect to cancel it entirely. Rev. H. Eshmeyer continues the efficient pastor of this Mission with an appropriation of $100. He proposes however to relieve the Board of a part of this by taking charge also of a congregation in the country. This mission is entirely German.

4. Dark County, Ohio, Charge. The Rev. L. M. Lefever, still continues pastor of this charge with an appropriation of $30. This field is much scattered and Satan seems to be busy in every part of it, but God has not left his servant without many tokens of his presence and power. Should the way be opened up for the continuation of the present pastor, this will doubtless soon become an important charge. Several new points have lately been added to this field.—This charge is entirely English.

5. English Mission, Cincinnati. This Mission still continues under the pastorate of the Rev. S Mease. The high price of living in the City, and the pecuniary sacrifice to which the Missionary was subject, led the Board to increase the appropriation to $200. The location of this mission is in the North-western part of the city. In the beginning of the year a pleasant lot was purchased for $1,500. The congregation have since erected upon it a suitable Sabbath School and Lecture room, in which they now have the pleasure of worshipping. Hitherto they were compelled to worship in a very uninviting Engine House, about which there were at times more or less noise and

confusion, to the great annoyance of the congregation. The permanency of this Mission, though still weak, is no longer doubtful, but through the labors of its efficient head it has become a settled congregation. The membership of this little mission take great delight in the Sabbath School, Bible Class, Prayer Meeting and Preaching of the Word. But they need encouragement. The difficulty of establishing a mission in a large city is much greater than in a smaller town, but when once established its importance to the entire church is unlimited.

This mission we regard as one of the most important under the care of the Board; hence we solicit for it not only the prayers, but also the "material aid" of the church abroad. The erection of a lecture room, for present use instead of a church, we regard as a mark of wisdom on the part of the brethren; but this, as well as the lot upon which it stands, is yet to be paid for. Bro, Mease, has, for the last year, been anxiously waiting for the Ministers of the church to admit him into their fields, to make collections for this purpose; hitherto, however, he has been almost entirely excluded. We therefore recommend them at once to throw open their doors, and welcome him to at least a part of that with which God has so abundantly blessed his people. If this be not done God's promised blessing may be with held even from us.

New Missions.

Anna, Union Co., Ill. A commission dated March the first, with an appropriation of $50, which has since been increased to $100, was given to the Rev. J. McConnell. He had been laboring in this field for nearly two years. But the sacrifice he was compelled to make, because of an inadequate support, lead him to apply to the Board of Missions for aid. The charge, composed of four English congregations, lies in the Southern part of Illinois and has great promise of becoming an inviting heritage for our church. Rev. McConnell has been laboring here with much acceptance, but at a pecuniary sacrifice almost unindurable. A comfortable parsonage has been erected in Anna during the year, and the only remaining obstacle to the speedy upbuilding of this charge is the want of a suitable church edifice in the same place. We therefore, bespeak, a hearty response to the call of these brethren through the Western Missionary. Their Sabbath School is flourishing, and the Bible class is attended by from thirty to thirty-five persons.

2. Huntington, Indiana. The Rev. J. J. Brecht received a commission for this place on the 20th of August, with an appropriation of $100. He reports the charge as being in a very promising and prosperous state. During the last quarter, there were added to the congregation 36 members. The church is in a fair way of becoming the largest in the place. An appropriation will still be needed until the

congregation shall have completed their church building. This Mission is German.

3. Upper Sandusky. This Wyandott Mission is composed at present of two congregations. To this the Rev. P. Jorris received a commission on the 1st of August with an appropriation of $60. Such a sum is entirely too small, but it was all the Board with its scanty means, felt justifiable in appropriating. This Mission had been supported for several years by the American Board, but with little success. When Rev. Jorris entered it, he was much encouraged, but soon was compelled to believe that he had seen things as they seemed to be, rather than as they were. He found the charge, especially Upper Sandusky, distracted and but little Christian life manifesting itself in the membership. Receiving but a small salary, and being sick during several months in the fall, he felt himself compelled to move into the country. Had it not been for the earnest pleadings of the Missionary, to spare the tree yet a little longer the Board would have discontinued the Mission. Lately however there are more grounds for encouragement. While the congregation in Upper Sandusky remains still without a church edifice, a Sabbath School or a Prayer Meeting, Emanuel's congregation is in a livelier state, having added lately fourteen members to the church, by the rite of confirmation. Had our Missionary a horse, he would be able to explore the field and gather up a number of congregations in the surrounding country. The Mission is German.

4. Terre Haute. The Terre Haute Mission was served for the year ending September last, by the Rev. Becker, but without success.— On the 1st of October, the Rev. F. W. Steffens received a commission for this place with an appropriation of $150. He has since increased the congregation from eight to sixty-four members and purchased the one-half of the church edifice that still belonged to the Lutherans.— In a short time, from present indications, with a little aid from abroad they will have a house of worship worth $2,000. They have already paid for church purposes, $400. Terre Haute is an important point for our church, and the Board rejoices to know that their Missionary is laboring there with so much acceptance and efficiency. We hope this congregation will not be disappointed in its application to the church for aid. The Mission is German.

5. Williams Co., Ohio. The Rev. W. M. Read entered upon this field in the fall with an appropriation of $50. We have received his first quarterly report in which he describes that entire country as ripe for the harvest. With but a little aid from the Board, two more Ministers can be placed within the bounds of this Mission. For this Bro. Read is now preparing the way. His preaching has been well attended, and quite an awakening interest was felt in every part of his charge. This part of Ohio should by no means be neglected. The Mission is entirely English.

6. Second German Church, Cincinnati. This congregation was organized by the Rev. C. Saure, in January, 1857, with 36 members.— Its whole number is now 140. When Bro. Saure began his labors

here he made no application for Missionary aid. He was then engaged in the book depository of the Tract Society, in Cincinnati. But his labors here, and in his pastorate, becoming too heavy he necessarily sank under them, and a protracted illness was the result. The advice of his Physician, was to give up either the one or the other, or soon he should be compelled to abandon both. His strong attachment to the embassy of Christ lead him, although at a pecuniary sacrifice, to give up his position in the Tract Society. The Congregation then applied to the Board of Missions for an appropriation of $150, which was freely granted; the Board trusting however to the good faith of the church to furnish the means. The congregation has rented a large and comfortable church in a central part of the city in which they worship and is the most promising Mission under our care. May the health and life of our worthy Missionary be long continued, that he may still break unto this people the bread of life, and build up speedily, in their midst the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

6. Attica, Seneca Co., O. The Board lately gave a commission, with an appropriation of $75 00 to the Rev. Peter Tendick, who had been laboring in this field for a short time. Attica, and the surrounding country is an inviting field, and lies only eighteen miles south of Tiffin. Surely none can appreciate too highly the importance of building up the church around our institutions. This Mission is principally German.

Discontinued.

1. Elkhart Co., Ind. The Rev. Wm. Ellers, having labored amid great pecuniary embarrassment in this field for more than two years, received and accepted a call to another charge. His resignation took effect upon the 1st of March. The Board has prevailed upon the Rev. Sandoe to supply this mission for the time being.

2. Jay and Randolph Co., Ind. This mission, through the efficient labors of its pastor, the Rev. J. D. Colliflower, has become self-supporting. The field, however, is entirely too large and should be divided. Could a missionary be placed in a part of it, the entire field could be supplied to great advantage to the church. This part of Indiana should by no means be neglected.

3. Wells Co., Ind. The Mission here has become self-supporting. May the labors of its worthy pastor the Rev. F. W. Dechant, continue to be blessed as they have in the past.

4. Seymour, Jackson, Co., Ind. It becomes our painful duty to record the death of the Rev. J. Baumunk, the beloved and earnest Missionary of this place. After having labored here until near the close of the first year, he sank beneath the weight of accumulated labor and his weary soul went back again, to rest in the bosom of that God who gave it. We have not yet been able to secure for this important field the service of another Missionary. The Mission is principally German.

Superintendent of Missions.

One of the first things done by the Board after its election, was to carry out the instructions of Synod to unite with the Eastern Board in electing the Rev. W. K. Zieber of Tiffin, as Superintendent of Missions. Having signified his willingness to accept the call, the Secretary of the Eastern Board and the President of our own Board held a conference in Tiffin to perfect a plan of co-operation between the two Boards, and enter into articles of agreement. These were afterwards adopted and published in the papers of the Church. The Superinten dent entered upon his duties the first of August—made two trips to Indiana during the summer and fall, exploring new fields, gathering together congregations, and visiting and encouraging our Missionaries in their arduous work. A part of the fall and winter was spent in the East. During the remainder of the winter he was collecting in our own Synod. Early in the spring he took his third trip West, visiting various portions of the state of Illinois. From this trip he returned a few weeks since. At the close of this present Synodical meeting he designs again starting westward for the purpose of exploring the eastern portion of the state of Iowa.

These visits of our Superintendent bring to our knowledge many important destitute portions of our Church iu the West. Some fields thus visited have been established and supplied with pastors; others will be supplied as soon as proper men can be obtained.

Finances.

It gives us great pleasure to report again the healthy condition of our finances. Notwithstanding the great monetary pressure that affected every class of our citizens, the amount of money placed at the disposal of the Board has been larger than during any previous year. Seven new appropriations have been made, and yet the Board has not reached beyond its ability to meet them. Our constant effort to increase the missionary fund has not been in vain. Some of our Churches have adopted a regular system of missionary contributions, and others are, at least, promising to follow the example.

But with all these signs of progress in the great work of missions, it is a matter of deep lamentation that our progress is so slow. God has given us the ability to occupy an advanced and elevated position in the spread of the Gospel and the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom, but we have shown ourselves unwilling to enter upon it. We go halting on the Lord's errandry, instead of moving on in the strength of *His* might. Fields ripe for the harvest are constantly calling to us to send in laborers, but we have not the means with which to employ them. Perishing multitudes are passing away from us day by day, not simply to the house of silence, but to the chambers of death, and we are powerless, comparatively, to arrest them.

By reference to the Treasurer's Report, it would appear that more than one half of our ministerial charges neglect to cast a single mite into this great Treasury of the Lord.

For many years, when our country was a comparative wilderness, and our lands uncleared and cultivated, we enjoyed the self-sacrificing labors of the early Missionaries of the cross, and consumed thousands of hard earned money sent to us by the mother churches of Holland, and of the Palatinate. All this however we seem to have forgotten, while we live as though our own hands had secured the blessings we now enjoy. Come dear brethren, and let us "repay this debt

To regions solitary yet,
Within our speading land,"

or God may keep us away from his promised possessions, by removing from our midst the candle-stick of his love. Let us awake to the great work that lies before us. We have been sleeping long enough. The day is dawning. The desolations of Zion challenge our attention. The kingdom of Christ demands our service. When we utter the inimitable prayer of our blessed Lord "Thy kingdom come," let us lend ourselves to him as instruments, in effecting and hastening the coming of that kingdom; remembering at the same time the consolations of the Gospel. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Certificates of Life Membership.

We received from the Eastern Board above one hundred copies of the certificates of Life Membership, more than one-half of which have been filled and distributed. It is a large superior steel engraving embracing six interesting scenes.

Change of Constitution.

It has long since been the experience of the Board, that the members elected by the different classes, and scattered, as they necessarily are, over the entire church, never attend her meetings. Hence when one of Synod's members, or one of those appointed by the Classis, in the midst of which the Board is located, fails to meet with us, we have no quorum. This has prevented a constitutional meeting of the Board, sometimes, for an entire year; thus leaving all the work to the hands and judgment of the executive committee. We would therefore recommend to the consideration of Synod the election of a Board of fifteen members, residing contiguous to each other, eight of whom shall constitute a quorum; and that the Board choose from its own number the executive committee.

Board of Church Extension.

The only business done by the Board during the year, was the collection of $65, from the Rev. H. Shaull, by the Rev. J. J. Excell. This is all the money that came into the hands of the Treasurer. If

there be any other notes or bonds belonging to the Board they have never been placed into our hands.

Respectfully submitted.

P. C. PRUGH, *President of the Missionary Board.*

XENIA, May 18th, 1858.

2. TREASURERS REPORT.

A. H. BAUGHMAN. *Treasurer,*

In account with the B. D. M. of the Ger. Ref. Ch. O., and adjacent States

June 1857. By am't rec'd. from former Treas. $163 25. From H. Leonard, $3 50; also $15 00 to constitute Mrs. J. Ruhl Life Member—$18 50. By cash rec'd. at Anniversary Meeting in Carrolton, O., $10 12.

July 1857. By cash from W. McCaughy, $1 00, and from V. Hays, $2 00—$3 00. From Missionary Congregation, Seymour, Ind., $10 00. Elkhart Mission, Ind., $1 67.

August, 1857. From Rev. J. Vogt, collection in N. Madison cong., $4 00.

Sept. 1857. From Rev. C. Becker, collection in the Missionary congregation, Terre Haute Ind., $5 00.

October 1857. From Rev. A. Wanner, collection in Germantown charge. 6 74. Rev. H. Rust, collection in the 1st Ger. Ref. Church, Cin., 50 00. Rev. J. A. Leis, collection in the St. John's congregation, 4 40. Rev. D. Winters, collection in the Mt. Zion charge, 178 62. Rev. J. Richards, collection in the Union charge, 18 66; also to constitute himself a L. M. of Mis. Society, 15 00. Rev. S. Mease collection in the 2nd Ger. Ref. Ch. Cin., to constitute H. B. Funk, L. M. of Mis. Society, 15 00. Cash collected in Mt. Carmel congregation at meeting of Miami Clasis, 15 05. Cash from Ger. Ref. Sabbath School in Dayton O., to constitute Rev. G. W. Williard, L. M. of Mis. Society, 15 00. Cash from Rev. W. K. Zieber, collection at meeting of Tiffin Classis, 28 79. Rev. G. Zeigler, to constitute himself a L. M. of Mis. Society, 20 00. Rev. J. Herbruck, collection in the Canton charge, to constitute himself L. M. $24 00.

Nov. 1857. From Rev. F. Wahl, collection in his charge, 29 00. H. Leonard, Treasurer of Lancaster Classis, pledge made at Synod for Basil congregation, $15 00. Cash from Rev. J. B. Thompson, Delaware charge, 9 00. Rev. E. F. Leoders, collection in the 2nd Ger. Ref. Ch., Dayton O., $4 40. Cash from Jacob Kuhn to constitute himself a L. M. of M. S. 15 00. Rev. J. Brecht, collection in Huntington, Ind., 2 00. Rev E. Keller, collection from Mrs. George Bair, 1 00, Widow Boyer, 25c, Widow Rupp, 25c, Miss Anna Keller, 50c, Harriet Bair, 25c, Mrs. E. J. Keller, 1 00, Godfrey Fedroth, 50c, A. H. Keller 1 00, Widow Preisse, 25c, St. Johns Baslin, 2 00—$7 00.

Dec. 1857. Cash from Rev. H. K. Baines, to constitute Mrs. H. K. Baines L. M. Mis. Society, 15 00. Rev. P. C. Prugh, collection in Rev. J. D. Colliflower's charge, 9 00. Rev. R. Good, collection, $2 70.

Jan. 1858. From Rev. I. H. Reiter, collection in the Miamisburg charge, 20 18. Rev. J. J. Escher, 5 00 Henry Lotz, Elder of Carrolton charge, to constitute said charge L. M. 15 00. Rev. C. H. Reiter, for pledge made at Synod 16 00. Rev. H. K. Baines, to constitute Peter Cost L. M. of Mis. Society, 15 00. Rev. H. K Baines, collection in the Fairfield charge, 3 75. Rev. W. K. Zieber, agent col. in Revs. Kemmerer, Wahl, and Ruhl's charges, 21 25. Rev. P. Jorris, col. in Upper Sandusky Mis. 3 00. Rev. P. Jorris 1 00, C. Lott, 5 00—6 00. D. W. Kelly on subscription 1 00. Mt. Carmel Sab. School, Dayton charge. to constitute J. Haller, L. M. of Mis. Society, $15 00. Rev. J. H. Rutenick, $5 00.

Feb. 1858. Cash from Rev. W. K. Zieber, Agt., col. in 1st congregation, Tiffin, Ohio, 9 53. Thompson cong., Seneca Co., 31 00. Adams cong., Seneca co., 6 60. H. Leonard, col. in Basil cong., 10 00. Rev. J H. Klein. col. in the Ft. Wayne cong., Ind., 10 00. Rev. H. K. Baines, col. in the Fairfield charge, to constitute Rev. J. H. Buser L. M. of Mis. Society, 15 00. Rev. E. H. T. Woehler, col. in his charge, Ashland co., O., $10 00.

March 1858. From Rev. L. H. Kefauver, col. in his charge, Greensburgh, Pa., part of pledge, 17 00. Rev. H. Hess, col. in the Shelby charge, pledge made at Synod, 15 00. Ger Ref. Sabbath School, Xenia, O., 9 23. Rev. W. Conrad, col. in the Ger. Ref. cong., Berlin, Pa., 10 00. Rev. P. C. Prugh, col. in the Xenia charge, 64 00. Rev. P, C. Prugh and wife, pledge at Synod, 10 00. Rev. M. Stern, col. in Whetstone cong., 2 00, in Clide 2 35, and Rev. M. Stern. 65c—$5 00.

April 1858. From Rev. G. Rettig, col. in the New Bedford charge, 8 80. Rev. H. K. Baines, col. in the Fairfield charge, $2 10.

May 1858. From Rev. B. Saure, collection in the 3rd Ger. Ref. Ch., Cin., 8 00. Rev. C. H. Reiter, col. on subscription made at Synod, Carrolton, 5 00. Rev. H. K. Baines, col. in the Fairfield charge, 4 50. Rev. W. K. Zieber, Agt. col. in the first Ger. Ref. cong., Tiffin, 6 00. Mrs. S. G. Zieber towards constituting Rev. A. H. Kremer L. M. of M. Society, 5 00. Rev. W. K. Zieber, 2 00. E. Klose, 2 00, and F. Gorman, 50c—2 50. Rev. P. Jorris, 2 00. Rev. J. J. Escher, towards constituting himself L. M. of Mis. Society, 6 00. Rev. W. K. Zieber, col. on subscription from John H. Keller, 15 00, Rev. E. Keller, 5 00, Mrs. D. Bair, 1 00. Barbara Krebs, 50c, Emma L. Bair 50c, G. Bair 25c, George Stoll 25c, Widow Miller 25c—23 00. Rev. J. W. Hamm, col. in the Manchester charge, 12 00. Rev. Jacob Klingler, col. in the Lima charge, to constitute himself L. M. 15 00. Rev. H. K. Baines from the Fairfield charge 2 50. Rev. L. H. Kefauver, col. in the Irwin Station cong, 5 00, Salem cong., 7 00, Greensburgh cong., 3 00. Rev. J. G. Zahner, to constitute himself L. M. 15 00. Rev. D. Kemmerer, col. in the Sabbath School. in Wooster, O., 10 00. Rev. W. K. Zieber, col. as follows: From Mrs. C. Kieffer $5 00, Rev. J. J. Escher, 5 00, Rev. N. P Hacke 5 00, 1st cong., Tiffin, 5 00—20 00. Rev. E. Keller, Base Line cong., 3 06. Total—$1,231 00. Due the Treasurer amount over paid, 28c.

The following is the amount paid out.

May 1857. To cash paid Rev. J. D. Colliflower, Mis. at Boundary city, Ia., 20 00; President of Board, for postage, 50c; Express charges on package, 65c; President of Board, for postage, 1 00; Rev. C. Schiller, Mis. at Beardstown, Ill., 10 00; Rev. T. Etter, Missionary at Bowling Green, Clay co., Indiana, 25 00; Rev. F. W. Dechant, Mis. at Bluffton, Wells, co., Ind., 12 00; Rev. J. Baumunk, Mis. at Seymour, Jackson co., Ind., 25 00; Rev. W. Ellers, Mis. in Elkhart co., Ind., 30 67; President of the Board, Traveling expenses to Tiffin, Ohio, 6 20; Rev. C. Becker, Mis. in Terre Haute, Ind., 37 00; Rev. C. Schiller, Mis. in Beardstown, Ill., 15 00: President of Board, Traveling expenses, 65c. Rev. S. Mease, Missionary in Cincinnati, $25 00.

August 1857. To cash paid Rev. C. Becker, Mis. in Terre Haute, Indiana, $5 00.

Sept. 1857. Rev. F. W. Dechant, Mis. at Bluffton, Wells co., Indiana, 13 00; Rev. J. Baumunk, Mis. at Seymour, Jackson co., Ind., 25 00.

October 1857. Rev. E. F. Loedera. Mis. in German Ch., Dayton, O., 25 00; Rev. S. Mease, Mis. in Cincinnati O., 65 00; Rev. J. M. Lefever, Mis. in Dark county, O., 15 00; President of Board, for postage, 1 00.

Oct. 1857. Rev. T. Etter, Mis. at Bowling Green, Clay county, Ind., 25 00; Rev J. D. Colliflower, Mis. Boundary City, Ind., 10 00; Rev. E. F. Loeders, Missionary in Ger. Ch., Dayton, Ohio, 12 50; Rev. P. Jorris, Mis. at Upper

Sandusky, Ohio, 15 00; Rev. H. Eshmire, Mis. at Toledo, Ohio, 25 00; For 50 copies of Minutes of Synod, for distribution by Agents, 5 00.

Nov. 1857. Rev. J. McConnell, expenses incurred in organizing Shelby Mission cong., in Shelby co., Ill., 8 00, Rev. H. Eshmire, Mis. in Toledo, O., 25 00; President of Board, postage, 1 00; Rev. C. Schiller, Mis. in Beardstown, Ill., 25 00; Rev. J J. Brecht, Missionary, at Huntington, Indiana, $25 00.

Dec. 1857. Rev. M. W. Reed, Miss. in Williams co., Ohio, 10 00; President of Board, Traveling expenses in visiting Mis. Field in Ind., 7 75; Rev. W. Ellers, Missionary in Elkhart county, Indiana, 25 00; Rev. T. Etter, Missionary in Bowling Green, Ind., 25 00; Rev. S. Mease, Missionary, Cincinnati, $50 00.

Jan. 1858. Rev. F. W. Steffens, Missionary in Terre Haute, Ind., 37 00; President of Board, for postage, 1 00; Rev. C. Becker, Missionary at Terre Haute, Ind., last quarter, $33 00.

Feb. 1858. Rev. P. Jorris, Missionary in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, 15 00, Rev. Eshmire, Missionary in Toledo, Ohio, 25 00. Rev. E. F. Lœders, Missionary in Ger. Ch. Dayton, O., $12 50.

March 1858. To cash pd. Rev. W. Ellers, Missionary in Elkhart, Ind., 25 00: Rev. J. J. Brecht, Missionary in Huntington, Ind., 25 00; Rev. C. Schiller, Missionary in Beardstown, Ill., 25 00; President of Board, for postage, 1 00; Rev. W. K. Zieber, Agent, postage on appeals sent to Ministers, 1 00; Rev. T. Etter, Missionary in Bowling Green, Ind., $25 00.

April 1858. Rev. S. Mease, Missionary in Cincinnati, 50 00; Rev. F. W Steffens, Missionary in Terre Haute, Ind., 37 00; Rev. J. McConnell, Missionary at Anna, Ill., 5 50; Treasurer of Sandusky Classis, to be expended for Missions in the bounds of said Classis, $15 00.

May 1857. Rev. C. Saure, Missionary in the 3d. Ger. Ref. Ch. Cincinnati, 25 00; Rev. J. McConnell, Missionary in Anna, Ill., 20 00; President of Board, for postage, 1 00; For Shawl donated to Rev. W. K. Zieber, Agt., by the Board, 4 00; Rev. W. K. Zieber, Supt. Home Missions, services rendered for nine Months, ending May 1st. inst., 150 00; Rev. W. K. Zieber for Traveling expenses, and part Salary, $46 06. Total—$1,231 28.

Respectfully submmitted,

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treas. Board of Domestic Missions.*

3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following papers in regard to this general subject have been handed to the committee.

1. The report of the Board of Missions. This report states that five out of the previous missions have been continued during the present year, that seven new missions have been formed with a joint appropriation of $635, and that four missions have been discontinued, two of which are reported as having become self-sustaining.

The Missionary Agent, Rev. W. K. Zieber, has been faithfully prosecuting, during the year, the peculiar work assigned him, and much important information, it is believed has thus been elicited as to our want and its supply, and new and increased interest excited in regard to the general subject. It is gratifying to learn, that, notwithstanding the heavy monetary pressure which has been crushing the business energies of the country, the amount contributed to this object was greater during the last year than it has been at any former time. This shows that the great interest of missions is gradually growing in the estimation of our ministers and people, and that noth-

ing more is needed to accomplish the most glorious results in this direction, than to keep it, in a clear way, before the mind of the church as the great material basis of progress and improvement.

2. The second document referred to this committee, is the report of the Treasurer of this Board, from which we learn that the receipts during the past year, amounted to $1231 00—$313 95 above the amount contributed last year. The expenditure amounted to $1231 28 There is now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board the amount of $65, for church extension purposes.

The Board mentions the death of one of its missionaries, the Rev. J. Baumunk, who labored faithfully at Seymour, Jackson Co., Ind.

In view of the difficulties in securing a quorum of the Board of D. Missions as now constituted, it is recommended in the report that the Synod elect a Board of fifteen members residing contiguous to each other, eight of whom shall constitute a quorum, with the privilege of choosing the Executive Committee from its own number.—Therefore,

Resolved, That the constitution of the Board of D. Missions, be so changed as to make way for the election of the Board as recommended.

Resolved, That we again earnestly recommend the subject of Missions to the attention of the different classes, requesting them to enquire of each pastor at their annual meetings as to the amount raised for this purpose during the classical year.

Respectfully submitted:

D. GANS.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod and referred to the committee on Finance.

REV. ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer*.

In account with the Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.

1857.		Dr.
May 25.	To balance in the Treasury	$29 90
July 25.	To Indiana Classis' permanent apportionment for 1855 in part	5 00
Oct. 24.	To St. John's Classis' permanent apportionment for 1857 in full	24 00
Oct. 24.	To St. John's Classis appt. of Synod in 1857, in full	28 00
Nov. 11.	To Lancaster " " " " 1855, in part	10 00
Nov. 12.	To Miami " " " " 1857, in full	40 00
"	To Clarion " " " " 1855, in full	25 00
"	To " " " " " 1857, in full	18 00

1858.		
Mar. 25.	To Sandusky Classis' on old accounts in full.....	25 00
"	To " " appt. of Synod in 1857, in full....	14 00
"	To " " per appt. for 1857, in part.....	1 00
April 8.	To Lancaster Classis' appt. of Synod in 1855, in full....	15 00
"	To " " " " 1857, in full.....	20 00
"	To " " on per. appt. for 1856, in part.....	1 00
Apr. 12.	To Tiffin Classis' appt. of Synod in 1857, in full.....	32 00
Apr. 20.	To Miami Classis' per appt. for 1857 in part.....	18 00
May 6.	To " " " " "	14 00
May 20.	To Lancaster Classis' per appt. for 1856 and '57 in full.	24 50
"	To Sheboygan " " " " " " " .	12 00
"	To " " appt. of Synod for 1857, in full..	8 00
"	To Westmoreland Classis' appt. of Synod for '57, in full	18 00
"	To " " per appt. for 1857 and '58, in full.....	19 50
Total	.....	$401 90

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1857.		
May 28.	By cash paid Rev. P. C. Prugh, as Delegate to Eastern Synod in 1856.....	$18 50
May 28.	By cash paid for paper for the use of Synod.....	32
Aug. 5.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't. borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	5 00
Nov. 12.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	87 00
"	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard in part for Clerk fees for 1857.....	5 00
"	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard in full of fees &c., as per receipt of M. Kieffer & Co	43 00
1858.		
Mar. 29.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	40 00
April 8.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	36 00
Apr. 12.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	52 00
May 3.	By cash paid for stationary and postage.....	1 08
May 6.	By cash paid T. Schaeffer on am't borrowed from Theol. Seminary by Synod.....	28 00
May 20.	By cash paid Rev. G. B. Russell, as Delegate to Eastern Synod for 1857.....	8 00
"	By cash paid for freight on Minutes of Eastern Synod, per order of Synod.....	1 50
"	By cash paid on note of Fred. Swander, por Rev. I. S. Weiss.....	74 50
"	By balance in the Treasury.....	2 00
Total	.....	$401 90

On Synod's apportionment of $214 in 1857, there remains unpaid from the Classis of Indiana, 16 00. St. Joseph, 8 50. Illinois, 8 00. Total, $32 50.

On the permanent apportionmont, established by Synod in 1850, at the rate of $1 50 to each Minister, there is still due and owing

from the Classis of St. John's for 1855, 22 50. Indiana for 1856, 8 50. Indiana for 1857, 10 50. Tiffin for 1857, 22 50. St. Joseph for 1857, 12 00. Illinois for 1857, 9 00. Total—$85 00.

From this statement it will be seen that there is due and owing to Synod, up to January, 1858, the sum of $117 50.

The Synod owes a balance of 50 to the Theol. Seminary, and $36 25 on F. Swander's note of $110 75, with two years interest on the whole amount. And as the immediate payment of both these claims against Synod is earnestly requested, it is very important that all delinquent classes be strongly urged tc pay up all backstanding dues without any further delay. These two claims, in connection with the fees of the Stated Clerk for 1858, will probably more than exhaust the amount of funds aforesaid, even if all are paid in: Hence, should Synod become responsible for new claims during its present meeting, it will be necessary to make special provision for the same, or else rely on the permanent apportionment, which however will not become available until towards the close of the year.

The greatest hindrance to the prosperity and complete success of the financial affairs of Synod, is to be found in a want of promptness and punctuality on the part of the Classes in meeting their obligation. Here remedial counsel and action are necessary. The special attention of Synod is directed to this matter.

As the account of the Treasurer of Synod, (as it necessarily should,) runs with the calender year, it is very important that all funds due to Synod should be paid over at fartl est by the first of January of each year. Let all concerned bear this in mind, and adopt a course of action accordingly. If this rule would be uniformly and practically taken into consideration by all the classes at their annual meetings, and strictly adhered to, the desired end would not only be satisfactorily accomplished, but it would effectually remove the evil of embarrassment and disappointment, and promote the credit and prosperity of both the Synod and the church.

Respectfully submitted:

ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer of Synod.*

MIAMISBURG, O., May, 1858.

The committee on Finance made the following report which was received and adopted:

The only papers placed into the hands of the committee are those of Synod's Treasurer; from these it appears that the amount paid into the Treasury is $401 90, and that paid out $399 90, leaving a balance of $2 00, in the hands of the Treasurer.

There remains yet due the Treasury, $117 50, from the following classes, for Synods apportionment of $214 in 1857:

Indiana, $16 00. St. Joseph, $8 50. Illinois, $8 00.

For permanent fund: St. John's, for 1855, $22 50. Indiana, for 1856, $8 50. Indiana, for 1857, $10 50, Tiffin, for 1857, $22 50. St. Joseph, for 1857, $12 00. Illinois, for 1857, $9 00.

The amount of Synod's indebtedness is $99 54; $50 00 of which are due the Theological Seminary, and $49 54 to F. Swander's, principal and interest on note. The payment of these claims is urged by both parties, which would be easily effected, would the delinquent classes pay up their arrears.

The Treasurer complains that the classes fail to pay their dues until the close of the year, in consequence of which, he is not able to meet promptly the demands made upon the Treasury.

In view of the foregoing facts the committee would offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the attention of the Indiana, St. Joseph's and Illinois Classes, which are in arrears on Synod's apportionment of last year, be called to their respective delinquencies.

Resolved, That the delinquent classes on the permanent fund be urged to pay their delinquencies as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the different classes be requested to pay into Synod's Treasury, their regular dues, immediately after their annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted:

L. H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report according to the requirement of the Standing Rule. The report was received and adopted, and the following persons elected. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was elected on the first day of the session of Synod, according to the requirements of the Charter.

1. *Delegates to the Eastern Synod.*

Rev. D. Winters, *Primarius*; Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Secundus*.

2. *Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, Thos. Schaeffer, A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh and Jos. H. Dryden.

3. *Board of Missions.*

Rev. P. C. Prugh, Geo. W. Williard, D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, H. K. Baines, T. H. Winters, H. Rust, P. D. Schory, A. Wanner, and I. S. Weiss; Elders: A. H. Baughman, J. Haller, D. H. Prugh, Peter Cost and David Rader.

4. *Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

Dr. J. U. Heckerman, Rev. J. Pelan, N. S. Brewer, C. Lott and S. Kreidler.

5 *Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

Rev. R. Good, J. J. Escher, E. Keller, J. J. Excell and Dr. J. U. Heckerman.

6. *Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Rev. J. Pelan, E. Keller, G. W. Williard, N. S. Brewer and Cor. Lott.

7. *Board of Publication.*

Rev. H. K. Baines, I. H. Reiter, T. H. Winters, P. C. Prugh and J. Richards.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

The Board of Publication presented the following report which was referred to the Committee on Publication.

1. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

As the Board made a full and specific report to Synod at its last annual meeting, concerning the Western Missionary, and which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, it is not deemed necessary to enter into a lengthy detail in the present report. For the statements and calculations therein contained, may be regarded as correct. Hence the Synod is respectfully referred to said report.

It may, however, be here stated, respecting the Western Missionary, that it has been issued regularly every two weeks during the past year, at the city of Dayton, under the Editorial supervision of Rev. G. W. Williard. The subscription list, during the aforesaid period of time, has increased fully two hundred, making the total number of subscribers about twenty-four hundred. And while the subscription is gradually increasing, the paper is also rising in the confidence and esteem of the people, and constantly gaining friends in its mission of Love, Truth and Knowledge.

The improvements made on the Missionary by the Editor, during the past year, met with the approval of the Board. The secular matter transferred from the office of publication, has been reduced to the extent of two columns, and the same space filled with original or special composition matter As a large portion of the subscribers follow the honorable avocation of husbandry, a "Farmer's Department" of one column was opened.

The Editor, whose time and attention are also heavily taxed with the care of a pastoral charge, has zealously endeavored to rectify and

prevent errors and defects, and constantly aimed to make the Missionary an agent of much good to the church. And inasmuch as his labors are becoming too burdensome, and in order to make it still more useful and acceptable, he intends to secure an assistant as soon as a suitable person can be found, and the income will justify.

The subscriptions are not paid up as promptly and punctually as they should be. There is a large amount still due on subscriptions from one to three, and in some cases, four years' standing. Synod should endeavor as far as possible to remedy this matter. Paying in *advance* is proposed by the Board as a salutary remedy. Would not the adoption of the cash system prove an effectual remedy? Is the church prepared for its introduction? This matter is referred to the judgment of the Synod.

The importance of a more extensive circulation of the Missionary should be constantly kept in view, and action taken accordingly.—There are still many families in the church where it finds no home, and where its moral influence is not felt. Efforts should not be wanting to place a copy of it in every family belonging to the church.

2. *Report of the Board of Publication.*

The Board of Publication would submit the following report for the consideration of Synod:

During the last annual meeting of Synod, the publication of a Child's Paper for the use of the German Reformed church was submitted to the control of the Board of Publication, with the instruction that said paper be published with the least possible delay, according to the provision of Synod. This has been a subject of candid consideration with the Board, and some efforts were made to carry into effect the instructions of Synod. Two meetings were held for this special purpose. Proposals for the publication of the paper were solicited in the Western Missionary of December 17, 1857. No response however was received. And as the Board itself, in the nature of existing circumstances, could not see its way clear to commence the publication, the whole subject remains the same as heretofore.

The Board would therefore not only ask to be relieved of Synod's requirement, but it would offer a few suggestions for the earnest consideration of Synod.

1. It is verily believed that the successful publication of a Child's Paper can only be affected by placing the whole matter in the hands of a special committee, which will consent to take charge of it under the sanction and direction of Synod, and on its own responsibility.

2. The church as a whole should in some proper way be made to know and feel her real want of such a paper. For, as she has a peculiar life and character to unfold, an important Mission to fulfill, a denominational literature to construct, and a great work to perform, she should not only become fully conscious of her resources and wants, but she should also endeavor to employ such means and agen-

cies as shall best promote her interests and accomplish the great end of her mission. In the accomplishment of all this, a Child's Paper would doubtless prove itself a very efficient means.

3. The aforesaid committee should receive the mutual co-operation and tangible encouragement of both the Synod and the Classes, in awakening a general interest on the subject, in obtaining responsible subscriptions, and in giving character and stability to the whole enterprise.

4. There should be no doubt entertained respecting the success attending the undertaking of the publication of a Child's Paper. It can and will be sustained by the church. The motive power of "faith and works" can accomplish it. If only the one-half or one one-third of the congregations in connection with the Ohio Synod will do their duty, the work is done—and done to the honor and prosperity of the church.

5. Then, in conclusion, what more is needed to give a real existence and a useful mission to a Child's Paper? Brethren, all that is needed, is *action!*—united, self denying and energetic action. Let this not be wanting. Go to work in earnest. Be determined to succeed. Look to God for guidance and strength. Do your duty as men and Christians, and your efforts under the divine blessing will be crowned with complete success. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

By order of the Board.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Sec'y of the Board.*

May, 1858.

3. *Report of the German Board of Publication.*

The German Board of Publication, which was appointed at the General Convention, held in Carrolton, O., May 1857, would respectfully submit the following as their report:

Your Board has, through its chairman, laid the action of the General Convention of Carrolton, O., with regard to the German Church Paper, before the Board of Publication of the Eastern Synod and solicited proposals from them, respecting the desired modification of the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" of Chambersburg. Our eastern brethren immediately manifested their willingness to fulfill any reasonable and just demands, their western brethren would make. They agreed that another Editor, more acceptable to the Western Church than the one in office should be elected, and in addition to this, they proposed that the Western Board, appoint a Western Editor, for a Western Department to be opened in the 'Kirchenzeitung," for the peculiar wants of the German population in the West, promising an appropriate salary for such Western Editor, reserving however the main control of their paper to their own Editor. They also agreed to pay the Rev. H. J. Rutenick, 25 cents for every subscriber of the Evangelist, that would become a subscriber of the Kirchenzeitung, and had not been such before, provided, the Evangelist be merged into the,

Kirchenzeitung. The chairman of your Board believed such an arrangement to be everything that our Western Church at present could ask or expect of our Eastern brethren; but the other members of the Board disagreeing with him in the matter, and the Rev. H. J. Rutenick, positively refusing to give up the "Evangelist," there was no other alternative than either to have an independent paper published in our Church, or to have a transfer made of the "Evangelist" to Synod. Your Board finally agreed to make the "Evangelist" the German Organ of Synod, upon the terms laid down in the Synod's action at Carrolton. They also have temporarily appointed the Rev. H. J. Rutenick as Editor of the paper under this new arrangement. Since November, 1857, the Evangelist appears as a weekly, under the supervision of your Board as an organ of Synod, at the low price of $1.00 per annum. It has at present 1400 subscribers. The paper is published at the entire risk of its temporary editor. It will now be for Synod either to confirm the present arrangement or to make any changes that might be deemed necessary. The Evangelist has so far shown a commendable zeal in the furtherance of the interests of our Church, but has not come up to that high standard, in the purity of style, in the selection of matter, for the absence of which the "Kirchenzeitung" has been so systematically opposed within the bounds of our Synod for the last few years, thus proving anew, that it is far more easy to find fault in a thing than to make it better.

If Synod does not wish to see the whole enterprize of a Western German paper fail, or produce in the end, in spite of the good it does, disastrous results to our Church, a strict superintendence to be exercised over the paper, will be indispensably necessary, no matter who the Editor may be. In this respect, it is the opinion of your Board that the new Board to be elected in Ft. Wayne, Ind., should embrace at least one member who resides in the place, where the paper is published.

Your Board finally advises Synod to have the Editor of the German paper, to publish the minutes of Synod in the German language, if he is willing to do it at a reasonable price.

Respectfully submitted:

J. G. ZAHNER.

The Committee on Publication, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The only documents placed in their hands are the reports of the Board of Publication, respecting the Western Missionary, Child's Paper, and the German Paper. Your committee are pleased to learn, that the Western Missionary, as published under the direction of the Board, meets with the continued favor of the Church, and its circulation is gradually extending. Several changes were made during the year, which your committee regards as an improvement, and should therefore receive the sanction of the Synod.

There is still according to the reports a large number of outstanding subscription, which is a matter of regret. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod, earnestly recommend to all the subscribers of the Missionary, the prompt payment of their subscription, according to the terms under which it is published.

Resolved, That Synod renew its resolution of former years, earnestly requesting the Ministers and Members of the Church, to renew their efforts to increase the circulation, so as to place a copy of the Missionary in every family belonging to our denomination.

Respecting the publication of the Child's Paper, your committee is sorry to learn, that the Board has not been able to secure any one who would be willing to undertake its publication. The Board urges the importance of this matter and assures Synod, that the Church is ready to give it a hearty support. Prompt and energetic action should therefore be taken at once. To secure this, your committee would recommend, that this Synod endeavor to secure if possible, some person, or persons, who will be willing to undertake its immediate publication, according to the terms agreed upon at the meeting of the Synod of 1856.

The following resolutions were passed respecting the Child s Paper:

Resolved, That Rev. G. B. Russell on the part of the Western Synod, and Rev. D. Gans on the part of the Eastern Synod, be appointed Commissioners to secure the publication of a Child's Paper, by such person, or persons, as may be willing to assume all pecuniary liabilities.

Resolved, That these Commissioners be the Board of Publication, edit or secure the editing of the Paper, until further action is taken by the Synods interested, and make annual reports to both bodies.

Resolved, That the Eastern Synod be requested to consent to this arrangement, and co-operate with us in the whole movement.

Respecting the publication of the German paper, we learn from the Report of the German Board of Publication, that they have endeavored to carry out the instructions of Synod. They however have not been able to make the desired or satisfactory arrangements to merge the "Evangelist" of Rev. H. J. Rutenik, into the "Reformirte Kirchenzeitung" at Chambersburg, Pa. Hence the Board finally agreed to make the "Evangelist" the German organ of Synod, according to the provisions of Synod, and temporarily appointed Rev. H. J. Rutenik, as Editor of the paper. Under this arrangement it has been published weekly, since November, 1857, at Tiffin, Ohio, and has now 1400 subscribers. Your committee would therefore recommend to Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod approve the action of the Board.

Resolved, That Rev. H. J. Rutenik, be continued as Editor during the next Synodical year.

Resolved, That the "Evangelist" is recommended to the favorable patronage of the church, and efforts should be made to give it a more extensive circulation.

Respectfully submitted:

H. K. BAINES, *Chairman*.

The oldBoard (German) of Publication was continued with the substitution of the name of Rev. J. J. Escher in the place of Rev. J. G. Zahner. The Board now consists of Rev. J H. Kline, H. Rust, and J. J. Escher.

ARTICLE XVIII.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

I. Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.

The Board of Trustees take pleasure in submitting to you our Annual Report. While there are, and have been, difficulties in carrying out the trust committed to us, yet there is also much to encourage. The Board are conscious that there are many things connected with the affairs of the College, that require forbearance and prudence; and while these have rendered the duties of the Board and Executive Committee, peculiarly arduous and responsible, will require from the Synod, sympathy and forbearance.

It has been the desire and aim of the Board, during the last two years, so to adjust the financial affairs of the College, as to carry out, as far as possible, the wishes of the Synod and church, and, we trust, finally relieve it from all cause of complaint. Wherein we have failed in this, rest assured it has not been from desire, but from circumstances beyond our control.

The Reports of the Treasurer and General Agent herewith submitted, will present a clear and distinct view of the finances of the College.

A satisfactory settlement has been made with the Executors of the late Treasurer, and some claims of long standing, have been wholly or partially paid.

The Board have now on hand, and registered, as follows:

Notes for Building Fund, amounting to - -	$935 00
Also notes for same fund, considered worthless for various reasons, amounting to - - -	798 00
Notes for Scholarships, amounting to - -	8,702 00

These are exclusive of the notes in the hand of the Agent.

It is probable that some of the above may also be found unavailable.

The Board would recommend to Synod the propriety of procuring an alteration in the Charter of the College, so as to place the election of all the members of the Board in the Synod. This it is believed, would simplify the already complex machinery, and we believe, add to its efficiency. The Board, therefore, have appointed a committee of three to confer with a similar committee to be elected by the Synod, and report to the next meeting of the Board, any alterations of the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws that they may deem necessary.

During the year, the Board has been enabled to complete the Col- College in all its essential parts, yet there is still much required to beautify, adorn, and render Heidelberg College Classis ground—a spot around which the sons of the church will love to gather.

By an arrangement with the Seminary Board, and Rev. Keiffer, Professor of Theology, he has served the College as President *pro. tem.*, and rendered such services as a Professor, as to enable the Board thus far to struggle on amid their pecuniary difficulties. The Board would be glad if their means would permit them to elect a President wholly devoted to the College, and also a Professor of Languages. Until this can be done, we ask the indulgence of the Synod and the Church.

Brethren, the work is great; it requires the heart and hand of all. It is in the power of the German Reformed Church to place her Western College in the first rank. While God has blessed the institution, will its friends not rally to its support. It is a well established fact, that the presence of a well endowed, and well manned College, in a State or Synod, is one of the greatest elements of prosperity, that the churches of that region can possibly enjoy.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

L. BALTZELL, *Pres.*

J. PELAN, *Sec'y.*

II. Financial Exhibit of Heidelberg College.

I. ENDOWMENT FUND.

Am't. subscribed for Endowment (not including Agent Leonard's notes)		$20,630 00
Am't paid in		10,606 35
Yet out-standing		$10,023 65

Of the amount paid out, the account is as follows:

Paid H. Shaull, Agent	$1,661 58	
Amount invested	249 00	
" in Kroh's Estate	154 37	
" in Treasury	49 15	
" Loaned to Building Fund	6,512 11	
" " " Contingent Fund	1,980 14	$10,606 35

II. BUILDING FUND.

Amount subscribed for Building Fund, (including Agent Leonard's collections,)		$14,001 96
Amount paid in		10,603 36
Yet out-standing		$3,398 60

Of the amount of Building Fund paid in, the account is as follows:

Paid H. Shaull, Agent	$ 456 24	
Expended on Building	10,147 12	$10,603 36

The College Building, including the ground, fencing, &c., cost		$17,234 23
This his has been paid for with the following monies, viz: Money in the Building Fund	$10,147 12	
Money borrowed from various persons	575 00	
" " " Endowment Fund	6,512 11	$17,234 23

III. CONTINGENT FUND.

Rec'd. for Tuition and Room Rent, from July 1856, to Jan., 1858	$1,429 24	
Rec'd for interest on money invested	154 73	
" " " " Scholarships	668 68	
" from Western College Society	700 00	$2,952 65

The expenses of the Contingent Fund are as follows:

Paid Professors	$4,672 34	
Other expenses	260 45	$4,932 79

This amount has been paid from the following funds:

Money in Treasury of Contingent Fund	$2,952 65	
" Borrowed from Endowment Fund	1,980 14	$4,932 79
There is due on salary to the Professors, up to Jan. '58		$501 26

The College has the promise of a donation of twenty-five hundred dollars, from the Western College Society, which sum will belong to the Contingent Fund.

Respectfully submitted:

WM. BARRICK.

III. Agents Report.

H. LEONARD, *Agent*,

In account with Wm. Barrick, Treas. of Heidelberg College.

Total amount of donations for Building Fund, in notes and cash, from Jan. '57, to Jan 58		$1,214 25
" "Crumbs" from the young people		126 91
Total		$1,341 16
Amount of Building Fund from January 1858, to to the 20th of May, 1858		$ 89 00
" "Crumbs" from the young people		9 27
Total am't. of Building Fund, to May 20, 1858		$1,439 43
	Cr.	
Paid out for traveling expenses, from Jan. '57, to March 31, '57	$ 2 00	
" " for April	1 20	
" " " May	10 70	
" " " June and July	51 28	
" " " August and Sept.	20 20	

Paid out in October	9 17	
" " " November	12 28	
" " " December	4 50	
" for 1858 to 20th of May	20 40	
	$131 73	
Paid for College plate and printing	117 20	
	$248 93	
Treasurer's Report	815 00	$1,063 93
Balance		$375 50

Total amount of subscriptions for Endowment Fund, including a lot in the city of Columbus, valued at three hundred dollars.

Amount raised from Jan. '57, to 1st of Jan. '58	$3,462 00
" " " Jan. '58, to the 20th May, '58	2,150 00
Total	$5,612 00

IV. Report of the Committee on Heidelberg College.

The Committee on Heidelberg College, would respectfully report:

That three papers came into their hands—the Report of the Board of Trustees, a Financial Exhibit from the Treasurer, and the Agent's Report. These are found to be full and explicit. The greatest difficulty experienced by the Board in carrying forward the pecuniary interest of the College, is their inability to collect their out-standing dues, notes and scholarships. If, however, they were all collected, the Building Fund, as well as the Endowment, will still be incomplete. The successful efforts of the Board's efficient Agent, in collecting funds for the above purpose, greatly relieve the Board in their embarrassment. But these labors must be continued.

Resolved, That the ministers and members of the different Classes, be earnestly requested to assist the Board in collecting their out-standing dues; and also, to the utmost of their ability, assist the Agent in securing funds for the completion of the College building, and for the permanent endowment of the College.

The Board also complain of the difficulty of securing the attendance, in their meetings, of those members elected by the different Classes. They, therefore, desire the Synod to appoint a Committee of three members, to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the Board, to report at their next meeting, upon the propriety of so altering the Constitution, Charter, and By-Laws of the College, as to enable the Synod to elect their entire Board.

Resolved, That Synod elect such a Committee.

Your Committee are sorry that no report came into their hands from the Board of Visitors. They have, however, learned from other sources, that the College continues in a prosperous state. But to make it what it should be, a permanent President and an additional Professor, are still wanting. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board be requested to secure a President and additional Professor as soon as possible.

P. C. PRUGH, *Chm'n.*

The Report of the Committee was adopted, and the Committee recommended in the above resolution appointed. The Com. consists of Rev. P. C. Prugh, W. K. Zieber, and G. B. Russell.

The following resolutions were passed with respect to the College:

Resolved 1, That Synod requests the Trustees of Heidelberg College not to appropriate any of the Endowment Fund to purposes other than those contemplated by the donors.

Resolved 2, That it be the sense of this Synod that all monies contributed to Heidelberg College, in the shape of Scholarships, be regarded as Endowment Funds, the interest of which alone, shall go to the support of this institution.

Resolved, 3, That the money contributed two years ago towards the purchase of a bell, be placed at the disposal of the donors, as the conditions under which it was given, have not been complied with.

Resolved 4, That we are pleased to hear the gratifying statements made by our energetic Agent, H. Leonard—that we feel thankful to him for his indefatigable labors, and earnestly invoke the blessing of God upon him in the future prosecution of his important mission.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education.

R. Goon,

In acc't with the Board of Education of the Synod of O., and Ad., States.

1857.		Dr.
May 15.	Balance in the Treasury	$22 41
May 27.	Received per M. Kieffer from D. Kemmerer, Treas of St. John's Classis' in full of classical appor. of which J. B. Rule paid 13 75	18 28
June 1.	Received interest of permanent Fund	66
June 2.	Received per J. H. Rutenik from J. G. Rule	1 00
June 15.	Received of J. H. Good, col. in Jacob cong. and sec. Ger. Ref. Church, Tiffin	5 00
"	Received of P. Vits col. in Salem cong. Ind.	3 00
"	" " " from a friend	75
"	" " " from J. H. Kline col. in Fort Wayne,	19 00
"	Received of P. C. Prugh, col. in Xenia charge	12 00
July 1.	Received of I. H. Reiter, col. in Miamisburg charge	27 00
July 3.	Received of Eli Keller, col. in Bucyrus	7 53
"	" " " " " Broken Sword	4 72

July 3.	Received of P. D. Schory, col. in Lancaster	6 00
"	" " " " " Sugar Grove	3 50
"	" " " " " Mt. Carmel	3 13
"	" " " " " from a friend	37
"	Received of J. G. Rule, one-half of a Mis. Festival col. at Trinity Church near Marion	32 14
Sept. 8.	Received per Eli Keller, col. at Windfall	2 56
Sept. 16.	Received per P. Roser, col. in S. Peters' church Bremen	5 00
Sept. 18.	Received per M. G. L Stern, col. in Indianapolis	11 00
Sept. 21.	Received per Rev. J. H. Kline, col. in Fort Wayne Ind.	10 00
"	Received per J. J. Brecht, col. in Huntington	7 00
"	Received per Eli Keller, col. in Bas	6 70
Sept. 24.	Received per L. H. Kefauver, col. in Greensburg	9 00
Oct. 14.	Received per P. Tendick, col. in Caroline	2 42
Oct. 22.	Received per A. B. Koplin, col. in Shade charge	5 00
Oct. 26.	Received per D. Kemmerer, Treas. of St. John's Classis.	33 00
Oct. 31.	Received per J. J. Escher, col	24 00
"	Received per S. N. King, col	5 00
Nov. 25.	Received per Max. Stern, col. in Whetstone	2 52
"	" " " " " Gallion	8 60
Dec. 8.	Received per J. Richards, col. in Union charge	15 00
Dec. 15.	Received per S. B. Leiter, col. in Tuscarawas charge	10 18
Dec. 30.	Received per J. Kline, col. in Vermillion	2 38
"	" " " " Braunhelm	1 62
Total		$318 47

1858.

Jan. 1.	Received from H. Leonard Treas. of Lancaster Classis.	5 00
Jan. 7.	Received from A. B. Koplin, col, in Shade charge	2 00
"	" " J. J. Escher, from sale of Zahner's Tract on the Lord's Supper	1 00
Feb. 5.	Received per J. H. Rutenik from D. Kemmerer col. in Wooster	4 00
"	Received interest of Permanent Fund	10 00
Feb. 7.	Received from Rev. J. J. Hauck, Lawrenceburg, Ind	10 00
"	" " J. G. Zahner, per Tiffin Classis	8 20
"	" " J. Dahlman	1 35
March 3.	Rec. from E. Hunsperger. of Wadsworth Medina Co., O	5 00
"	" C. Banks, per J. H. Rutenick	8 00
"	" D. Kemmerer per J. H. Rutenick	3 00
"	" J. B. Thompson, col	5 00
"	" J. G. Ruhl, col	1 50
Mar. 10.	Received from Jacob Kuhn's contribution	5 00
Mar. 16.	Received from Eli Keller	2 25
Mar. 17.	Received from G. B. Russell col. in Grace Church Pitt	15 00
"	" " N. P. Hacke col. in Ridge church	7 00
"	" " P. Tendick col. at Caroline	4 12
"	" " H. K Baines col. in Fairfield charge	4 75
Mar. 10.	Received from J. J. Escher	10 00
Mar. 20.	" " "	10 00
Mar. 25.	" " Sandusky Classis per C. F. Ricks, Treas.	16 00
April 1.	" " J. J. Escher	12 00
April 14.	" " J. H. Hamm, col	10 00
April 15.	" " John Reitzell, Freeport, Ill	1 00

April 21.	"	"	interest of Permanent Fund.....	9 00
April 8.	"	"	" " "	3 75
May 3.	"	"	R. Good's col. in Good Hope cong.....	2 00
May 5.	"	"	J. J. Escher.....	10 00
May 8.	"	"	G. M. I. Stern, col. at Indianapolis.....	8 00
"	"	"	P. C. Prugh, col. in Xenia charge.....	8 00
"	"	"	Phillip Strack, Hessville, O.....	1 00
"	"	"	P. Joerris, col. at Upper Sandusky.....	1 13
Total				$522 52

		Contra Cr.
May 15.	Amount paid to 11 Beneficiary Students.....	$502 50
"	Amount paid for Postage.....	5 40
	Balance in the Treasury, May 17, 1858.....	14 62
Total		$522 52

There is a mistake in the printed report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Board, in the Synodical Minutes of last year. The balance in the Treasury should be $22 41, instead of $42 41, which will appear by adding debit and credit columns. The Permanent Fund remains the same as last year,

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

The committee to which the above report was referred, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

But two documents have been placed in our hands. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Beneficiary education, and the report of the Board itself. Both papers present this great interest of the church as in a healthy and vigorous condition.

It is pleasing to know that during the past year this important and central interest of the church has received so much attention, and that this Board, notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties of the times, has been enabled to meet even extended responsibilities. The importance of this cause is generally known and acknowledged, but, at the same time, it cannot be kept too constantly before our own eyes and the eyes of our people. It has justly been remarked on the floor of Synod, by one of our fathers, that, unless our Seminary be well supported, we had better take down our flag, and deny even our very existence. This implies that our Professor be well supported; but it implies particularly that the ranks of Students be constantly replenished and increased by faithful volunteers that come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, for what would a Seminary be without Students? A contradiction and a falsehood.

Our past experience as well as our present prospects, teach us, that our Theological Students generally come from the poorer class, to whom pre-eminently the Gospel is preached. And hence, here too the word of the Apostle applies—"How shall they preach unless they be sent?"

But though we have done well during the past year, let us endeav-

or to do still better in the future—though we have excelled, let our motto still be *excelsior*.

The committee would recommend the following resolution in regard to this cause:

Resolved, That Synod deeply feels the strong claims of this important interest, and recommends the same heartily to the different classes under its jurisdiction, that prompt, united and increased efforts may be made in aiding our Board of Beneficiary Education, in its great work.

Respectfully submited,

ELI KELLER, *Charman.*

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

The members of Synod having subscribed for 2,000 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, the Stated Clerk was instructed to have them published as soon as possible, the price to be fixed at ten cents per copy, and report the result at the next meeting.

The publication of the Minutes of Synod in the German language, was committed to the German Board of publication, which was instructed to secure pledges for a number sufficient to justify their publication, and sold at the same price of the English.

Delegate from the East.

The Rev. D. Gans, delegate from the Eastern Synod took his leave in a number of appropriate remarks, in which he expressed the deep and lively interest which the Synod he represented feels in the success of the Church West. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President who affectionately requested him to carry our salutations and kind wishes to the Mother Synod.

Change of Standing Rules of Synod.

Resolved, That the standing Rule of Synod allowing members to vote for any one, even though not nominated by the committee for this purpose be rescinded.

Resolved, That the third standing Rule of Synod requiring the Missionary Anniversary, to be always held on Sabbath night, be changed, so as to leave the fixing of the time in the hands of the Board of Missions.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the German Reformed congregation and citizens of Fort Wayne, for their kind-

ness and hospitality to the members of this body, and that the *Pastor loci* be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit and have it published in the papers of the place.

Resolved, That the Cor. Secretary return the thanks of Synod to the officers of the P. Ft. W. & C., the Dayton & Mich., and the Tol. Wab. & West. R. R., for granting those members of Synod who paid full fair in coming, the privilege of a free pass back, over said roads.

ARTICLE XXI.

Close and Adjournment.

Fairfield, Greene Co., Ohio, having been selected as the place for our next annual meeting, and the third Wednesday in May 1859, in the evening at 8 o'clock as the time, it was on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The Minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called all the members were found present except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Monday night about 10½ o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

H. RUST, *President*.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

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GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CLASSIS OF MIAMI.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members not confirm'd.	Members Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Rec'd by letter & conf.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributions to Benevolent objects.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
David Winters	4	Mount Zion, Hawker's	.....	400	395	57	60	....	8	1	4	$253 62	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters	2	Highland	.....	167	151	9	9	10	....	....	2	.....	Xenia, Ohio.
T. H. Winters	1	Cæsar's Creek	.....	86	80	4	6	....	3	....	....	.....	
P. C. Prugh	2	Xenia, Beaver	108	170	158	9	3	6	5	1	1	183 00	Xenia, Ohio.
J. Vogt	3	New Madison	.....	100	98	24	14	23	....	....	2	15 00	New Madison, Ohio.
H. K. Baines	3	Fairfield	.....	210	210	12	16	....	18	15	3	157 71	Fairfield, Ohio.
H. Rust	1	Cincinnati, 1st Church, German	165	275	275	73	12	64	22	17	1	178 57	Cincinnati, Ohio.
J. Stoneberger	3	Mount Sinai, Mo.	.....	69	64	4	4	....	4	1	5	.....	Whitewater, Belinger co., Mo.
J. McConnell	4	Anna, Union county, Ill.	84	83	83	17	5	10	....	1	1	.....	Anna, Union co., Ill.
G. W. Williard	2	Dayton & Mount Carmel	130	140	130	28	16	18	2	2	2	50 00	Dayton, Ohio.
I. H. Reiter	3	Miamisburg	158	220	200	18	23	....	8	2	2	163 35	Miamisburg, Ohio.
S. Mease	1	Cincinnati, English,	13	28	28	5	6	8	....	1	1	15 00	Cincinnati, Ohio.
A. Wanner	4	Germantown	.....	200	118	22	15	....	....	2	1	6 74	Germantown, Ohio.
J. Richards	5	Union	.....	251	250	32	49	4	2	7	5	58 66	St. Paris, Ohio.
J. M. Lefever	4	Darke county Charge	.....	.....	56	1	12	....	....	....	3	5 00	Robinson, Ohio.
J. Dahlman	1	Brown county	.....	70	70	9	2	....	....	2	1	.....	Arnheim, Brown co., Ohio.
G. Z. Mechling	4	Seven Mile	.....	87	.....	24	....	5	....	1	2	7 00	Seven Mile, Ohio.
E. F. Loeder	1	Dayton, German	.....	80	72	31	5	....	....	....	1	.....	Dayton, Ohio.
C. Saure	1	2nd German Church, Cincinnati	.....	120	120	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
A. C. Kendig	3	West Alexandria	.....	72	52	12	13	9	2	4	1	4 40	West Alexandria, Ohio.
J. A. Leis	1	St. John's	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Miamisburg, Ohio.
Jacob Weaver	4	Swander's, Staley's, Salem, Bloom C'r	.....	.....	151	12	....	6	....	1	4	.....	Pratt, Shelby co., Ohio.
L. Rike	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	West Alexandria, Ohio.
J. Pence	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Tremont, Clark co., Ohio.
S. Denius	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Germantown, Ohio.
J. Kercher	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Lacon, Marshall co., Ill.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Sabbath Schools.	Cont. for Benevolent objects.	Post Office Address.
G. Weiss,		Superannuated.									Lancaster, Ohio.
I. S. Weisz,	4	Winchester, &c.	268	43	28	243	17	25	2	$75 00	Lithopolis, Fairfield co., O.
H. Williard,	2	Columbus and Union.	50	7		40			2		Columbus, Ohio.
P. D. Schory,	3	Lancaster charge.	130	13	20	114	6		2	31 85	Lancaster, Ohio
J. H. Buser,	3	Kinnickkinnick.	160	19	49	160	2	14	3	40 00	Chillicothe, Ohio.
J. Ruhl,	2	Basil charge.	110	4	4	110	6	4	2	103 31	Basil, Fairfield co., Ohio.
J. B. Thompson,	2	Delaware charge.		19	16	143	6		1	25 46	Delaware, Ohio.
H. King,	3	Union charge.	193	49	39		6		2		Baltimore, Fairfield co., O.
J. C. Henneman,											Piketon, Pike co., O.
S. S. Rickly,		Without charge.									Columbus, O.
D. H. Hoyman,	4	Somerset charge.				200					Somerset, Ohio.
J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton charge.				132			1		Stoutsville, Ohio.
Vacant,	2	Jerusalem, Mt. Zwingle.	75								

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat'ns	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Memb.	Confirmed.	Communict's	Baptisms.	Confirmatn's	Rec'd by Cer.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Cont. for Benev. objects.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (German.)											Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mt. Pleasant.		450	397	47	15			9	2	$17 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.
Wm. Conrad,	4	Berlin.		270	234	28		4	3	5	3	71 33	Berlin, Pennsylvania.
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace Church.	47	64	61	15	11	4	3	4	2	160 00	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
L H. Keafauver,	4	Greensburg, (English.)	200	100	82	11	3	5			2	14 00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania.
F. K. Levan,	6	Somerset.		305	305	13				5	4		Somerset, Pennsylvania.
R. P Thomas,	2	Salem.	175	160	140	4	5				2	15 47	Salem ⋈ Roads, Pennsylvania.
A. B. Koplin,	5	Shade.		197	197	2			2	4	2	20 00	Stoystown, Pennsylvania.
Benj. Knepper,	8	Wellersburg.		234	192						4		Wellersburg, Pennsylvania.
G A. Fickes,	4	Grantsville.	92	110	60						3		Grantsville, Maryland.
W. Weinel,		Superannuated.											Leechburg, Pennsylvania.
Jacob Roemer,	1	German Mission.	30	53	53						1		Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communict's	Bap. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirmat'ns	Rec'd by Cer	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom'cated.	Sab. Schools	Cont. for Benev. objects	Post Office Address.
J. Bossard,	Immanuel's charge.	98	125	250	19	4	1	4	5		1	88 00	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
J. T. Kluge,	Ebenezer charge.	103	90	188	13	4	4	2		1	1	21 00	Newtonsburg, Wisconsin.
A. Muhlmeier,	Zion charge.	70	60	132	26	5	12	1	2	1	1	20 00	Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
H. A. Winter,	Sharon charge.	76	76	134	15	6	2	3			1		Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools	Cont. for Benevolent objects.	Post Office Address.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas.	166	166	33	5						$33 92	Navarre, Stark co., Ohio.
Wm. McCaughey,	4	Navarre.	184	184	19	21	2	1			3	18 00	Navarre, Stark co., Ohio.
P. J Spangler,	7	Fulton.	315	300	66	68		12		1	3	32 25	Nimisilla, Summit co., Ohio.
J. Heins,	6	Savannah.	110	110	9	7	4	6		1	4	64 73	Nankin, Ashland co., Ohio.
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg.	110	90	7	6		2			2	39 63	Reedsburg, Wayne co., Ohio.
H. Hess,	4	Shelby.	50	50	5	14	6			7	2	25 53	Shelby, Richland co., Ohio.
C. Zwisler,	2		107	107	31						2		Congress, Wayne co., Ohio.
C. H. Reiter,	4	Carrolton.	150	103	13	1		2	4	8	1	60 00	Carrolton, Carrol co., Ohio.
Jesse Schlosser,	1	Akron, Summit co., Ohio,	50										Akron, Summit co., Ohio.
Vacant,	1	Massillon,	40	28									Massillon, Stark co., Ohio.
Vacant,	2		50	50	8	8				5	2		
L. Follet,													Without charge
H. Shaul,													Without charge.
D. G. Phillips,													Without charge.
L. C. Edmunds,													Aaronsburg, Centre co., Penna.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members confirmed.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributions for Benevolent objects.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
F Rahauser	1	Superanuated									Havana, Illinois.
R Good	2	Hopewell	70	60	8				1	10 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good	2	Tiffin, 2nd Church	145	160	12	37	16	4	1	20 25	Tiffin, Ohio.
M Stern	8	Gallion charge	420	429	28	51	12	12	3	30 00	Gallion, Ohio.
H J. Rutenick		Evangelist									Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Klinger	7	Allen county Mission	200	186	13	33	12	2	1	20 42	Herring, Allen co., Ohio.
C. F Schwartz	2	Vermillion	105	105							Independence, Iowa.
Wm. K. Zieber		Superintendent of Missions									Tiffin, Ohio.
H. Eschmeier	1	Toledo Mission	100	150	5	35	28	4	1		Toledo, Ohio.
J. C. Klar	2	Thompson charge	200	150	15	24		1	1	60 00	Stontsville, Fairfield co., Ohio.
J. G. Ruhl	5	Marion charge	197	197	23	36	3	8	1	85 63	Marion, Ohio.
E. Keller	4	Bucyrus charge	280	280	35	44	35	4	4	70 00	Bucyrus, Ohio.
J. J. Escher	5	Berwick charge	235	238	25	54	40	6	2	80 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. Knie	4	Hessville charge	104	93	9	23		7			Vermillion, Ohio.
M. Kieffer D. D.	2	Professor	30	30		6		1		2 40	Tiffin, Ohio.
C. Weiler		Superanuated									Gallion, Ohio.
P. Jorris	3	Upper Sandusky Mission	68	65		7		3	2	5 50	Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
P. Roser		Upper Sandusky									New Bremen, Ohio.
Vacant	1	1st Ref. cong. Tiffin	218	218							
P. Tendick	8	Carolina Mission									Carolina, Ohio.
J. Heller		Fremont									Fremont, Ohio.
H. Kortheuer		Findlay									Findlay, Ohio.
J. B. Kniest		Sandusky									Sandusky, Ohio.
D. Kelley		Thompson									Tiffin, Ohio.
D. H. Reiter		Allen									Lima, Ohio.
E. Brakefield											Fremont, Ohio.
C. Rathy											Republic, Ohio.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Cont. for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
J. H. Kline,	1	Fort Wayne,	125	35	8	10	4	5	1	75 00	Fort Wayne, Indiana.
W. Ellers,	3	Elkhart,	69	21				3	3	1 67	Colon, Michigan.
J. J. Brecht,	1	Huntington,	70	10				3	1	7 00	Huntington, Indiana.
D. Lantz,	1	White Pigeon,									White Pigeon, Michigan.
J. G. Kissell,	6	Union,	140	40	10			10	2		Auburn, Indiana,
W. M. Reed,	1	Colon,	44	4					1	5 00	Pulaski, Ohio.
F. W. Dechant,	7	Bluffton,	135	19	3			3	4		Bluffton, Indiana.
W. B. Sandoe,	3	St. Joseph,	60	7	46						Elkhart, Indiana.
A. J. Rutan,		No report,									Lassener, M. Territory.
A. Shroeder,	1	Detroit,									Detroit, Michigan.
P. Vitz,		No report,									Preble, Adams co., Indiana.
F. W. Wasnich,		Buck Creek,	110	40				10	3	24 00	Pulaski, Ohio.
T. Winter,		Superannuated,									West Alexandria, Ohio.
J. Biedler,	2	Neriah, lately taken ch'ge,									Lasselle, Michigan.
D. Butt,	2	Jefferson, " " "									Pulaski, Ohio.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Cert.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.	Parochial Sch.	Sab. Schools.	Cont for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland, Clay co., Indiana,	132	182	12	24			11	1	1	$42 75	Poland, Clay co., Indiana.
C. Pleuss,	2	Lawrenceburg,	79		4	45	8	2	7	1	1	25 00	Lawrenceburg, Indiana.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	I. G. R. Ch., Indianapolis,	70	57		14	16		4	1	1	22 20	Indianapolis, Indiana.
A. Toensmeier,	1	Louisville, Ky., (no rep.)											Louisville, Kentucky.
J. Bisetgen,	1	Linton, Green co. Indiana.	38	30		17	4		2		1		
J. D Colliflower,	3	No report,											Boundary City, Jay co. Indiana.
T. Etter,	2	No report,											
F. W. Steffens,	1	Terra Haute, Indiana,		50	2	22			7	1	1	5 00	Terre Haute, Indiana.
C. Kuss,		No report,											Huron, Erie co., Ohio.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Commun.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Rec. by Cer.	Post Office Address.
D. Kroh,		Cedarville,	100	15		100		1		Cedarville, Stephenson co., Illinois.
F. C. Bauman,		Harmony,	60	2		60	4	1	1	Zwingle, Jackson co., Iowa.
J. Hoyman,		Orangeville,	90	19		70	4	2	12	Orangeville, Stephenson co., Ill.
J. P. Decker,		Superannuated,								Freeport, Illinois.
Geo. Weber,		Missionary field,								Dayton, Tippecanoe co., Indiana.
H. Knepper,		Without charge.								Ogle Station, Lee co., Illinois.

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Codt. for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Address.
J. W. Hamm,	8	Manchester charge,	700	630	72	35	28	4	$31 75	Nimisilla, Summit co., Ohio.
D. Kaemmerer,	6	Wooster charge,	391	360	85	31	14	3	32 64	Wooster, Wayne co., Ohio.
P. Herbruck,	5	Canton charge,		687	117	70	51	4	76 68	Canton, Stark co., Ohio.
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville charge,		412	31	50	25	4	49 85	Ragersville, Tuscarawas co., Ohio.
R. Koehler,	3	Mount Eaton charge,		288	37	21	11	2	8 09	Mt. Eaton, Wayne co., Ohio.
G. Ziegler,	8	St. Peters, (French)		404	88		11	3	51 07	North Georgetown, Col. co., Ohio.
G. Rettig,	6	Bedford,		375	51		19	1	7 09	New Bedford, Coshocton co., Ohio.
J. Ackeret,	4	Mt. Eaton, (German)		140					7 75	Mt. Eaton, Wayne co., Ohio.
J. B. Ruhl,	7	Canfield charge,		374	44	25	16	6	37 22	Eden, Trumbull co., Ohio.
E. H. Th. Woehler,	6			140						Albion, Ashland co., Ohio.
J. D. Gackenheimer,	4	St. Paul's charge,	193	193	12	25	17			Wiltshire, Van Wert co., Ohio.
J. F. Engelbach,	3	Akron charge,		142	24		5	1	3 09	Akron, Summit co., Ohio.
C. Lienkamper,	3	Calcutta charge,	126	100	17	3			9 00	Calcutta, Columbiana co., Ohio.
F. Wahl,	3	Springfield charge,		250	30	70				Poland, Mahoning co., Ohio.
S. N. King,	3	Washingtonville,	209	125	2	1	2	2	6 00	New Lisbon, Columbiana co.
P. Becker.	6			340	45	19	9	2	10 00	Columbiana, Whitley co., Indiana.

SYNOD

Of the German Reformed Church in the United States.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics within the bounds of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

Beloved Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ:—A report on the state of religion within bounds so extensive as those comprehended by this Synod must necessarily be general in its statements. The voluminous matter placed in our hands, to serve as the basis of this report, must be very greatly condensed. This your Committee have endeavored to do, yet so as to reproduce, at the same time, as far as possible, the statements made in the reports of the different Classes. In doing this, your Committee have not felt themselves called to stand in judgment on the nature of these reports, nor yet as to what character their own should assume. We have taken the reports as we found them and we desire to present them, in substance at least before the Synod.

From these reports we learn that the ministers of the Church, have been diligently engaged, during the last year, in accordance with their great commission, in preaching the word of God and dispensing the Holy Sacraments in the name of Jesus Christ. From their respective pulpits the great plan of redemption, as it centres in Christ, who is the Light and the Life of the world, has been held up before men. From the increasingly large number who have been baptized and confirmed, we infer that the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper have been faithfully employed for the object for which they were instituted, viz: to make disciples and to confirm in their faith those who are already members of the fold of Christ. It is a matter of great thankfulness that nothing has occurred to interrupt these regular ministrations. From the promise of the Great head of the Church, it is but natural, for all who believe in its divine power and grace, that these means have produced their legitimate fruits.—These fruits are referred to in the way of additions to the Church, the increase of piety and zeal in its members, and the improvement of morals in the community generally. In some Classes the additions have been unusually large, exceeding in the case of several ministers, one hundred souls. The reports speak of regular attendance on the public worship of the sanctuary as the first and most important means of promoting growth in grace among our people. Unanimous testimony is borne in favor of the system of catechisation, as representing the idea of educational religion. Around this ancient and churchly system our ministers and people rally with loving faith and warm zeal. We find here revealing itself more and more every year a growing attachment to the doctrines and practices of our denomination as it originally started in the Reformation. As it was not by

accident that the Reformed Church came to occupy its peculiar position in that period of the Church's history, it is felt that the same Providence now solemnly calls upon all its members to prove faithful to their calling. They must solve the problem which the Head of the Church entrusted to their keeping. This is far removed from Sectarianism, which can only flourish on the decay of true piety in the Church. It is not attachment to a name, but to a peculiar system of religious truth, and it is perfectly consistent with a true and lively faith in the One Holy Catholic Church.

To prove this we need only refer to the fact, furnished also in the reports placed in our hands, that along with this strong attachment to our denominational position, there is also a growing faith in the Church of Jesus Christ as something broader and deeper than any one denomination. This Church in which we stand as an integral part, and through which we derive all our spiritual life, is not with our people an abstraction. It is everywhere within the borders of our Zion believed in and confessed as the body of Christ which comes with divine power and grace for the salvation of men.

We may be allowed to say here also, that precisely this article of the Aprostles' Creed, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church," is the one which at this time chiefly occupies the attention of our ministry and people The reports are full of it. It is preached from the pulpit, it is discoursed upon in the lecture room, it is confessed, solemnly and believingly by a united people whenever they lift up holy hands in prayer. Whether this is *the* problem which solemnly challenges the attention of all Protestant denominations just at this time or not, the fact is clear that the German Reformed Church so considers it. The fact is so plain that he who runneth may read. Your Committee find in this great reason for devout thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ. They feel that in this faith our people have come nearer to Him. He becomes to them not an absent Christ, but a Saviour and Redeemer living in and around them through the Spirit of all grace.

With this great revival of Catholic Faith, an increased and lively charity and brotherly love have been awakened in behalf of all the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and towards all who love the Lord Jesus Christ throughout all lands. While the German Reformed Church labors to prove true to its own peculiar mission, it strives also to become a lively stone in the living temple, which will at last stand complete before men and angels, in which Christ shall be all in all.

But there are also discouraging features presented in the various reports. Complaints are made that our own people in many places fail to come up to the measure of their duty in sustaining the various benevolent operations of the Church. Our Church in many portions of it is wealthy in this world's goods. Among the richest lands in the country, and in the most costly and comfortable habitations, they continue to dwell at ease, while in destitute portions of the Church, the Son of God hath not place to lay his head. It is believed that

our people need to be stirred up to increased benevolence in giving of their increase for the promotion of the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

In some reports complaints are also entered against a foreign spirit which still holds sway over some portions of the Church, and which prevents our people from encouraging and enjoying the means of grace as they should. This affords evidence that our Church has not yet completed that severe and painful conflict, in which for years, it seems to have been the will of the Master, she should engage. But with such peace and unity and zeal and faith as now prevail within her borders, it is thought that the victory is certain. May she ever follow the pillar of cloud and of fire which has thus far gone before her, by day and by night!

Your Committee are called upon to make the mournful record of the death of two of our ministers since the last meeting of Synod.—In the report of the East Susquehanna Classis, the death of Rev. R. A. Fisher, who had occupied a seat in the Susquehanna Classis, previous to its division for twenty-eight years, is announced. After a long and faithful ministry he has been called to enjoy his reward in the Church triumphant in heaven. Mercersburg Classis records the death of Rev. Mathew Irvine, who went down to the grave under the weight of ministerial labor and self-denial. Thus one after another, from the ranks of our ministry are called away. May the record of their deaths stir up those who remain to renewed diligence and activity in their solemn work!

In conclusion, your Committee feel that this Synod has great reason to be thankful to the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the blessings of the past. The Father has continued to draw precious souls to the Cross, the Son has received them into his gracious embrace, and the Spirit has sealed the everlasting union with His divine presence and power. May peace and love and joy in the Holy Ghost be abundantly multiplied unto all the Churches through Jesus Christ! Amen!

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong's.	Congregations or Charges.	Bap. Mem.	Baptized.	Communed.	Confirmed.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch'ls	Post Office Addresses.
J. C. Becker, D. D.,	5	Howertown Charge.*							Bethlehem, Northampton county, Pa.
C. G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.,	1765	195	888	60	74	7	Maxatany, Berks county, "
T L. Hoffeditz, D. D.,	3	Forks, Hamilton, &c.,	495	86	385	46	14	5	Nazareth, Northampton " "
John Zulich,	7	Jacob's, &c.,*							Jacobsville, Lehigh " "
Joseph S. Dubs,	6	Allentown, &c.,	2040	261	2048	135	67	7	North White Hall, Lehigh " "
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1840	250	1510	90	88	7	Kutztown, Berks " "
William A. Heltrich,	6	Ziegel, &c.,	1500	153	1450	89	45	5	Foglesville, Lehigh " "
John W. Leecher,		No Charge,							Easton, Northampton " "
Vacant,	4	Wilksbarre, &c.,	200	32	180		23	4	
Charles Becker,	8	Chestnut Hill, &c.,	1000	125	300	60	80	10	Broadheadsville, Munroe " "
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c.,	500	125	300	50	50	5	Weisport, Carbon " "
E. H. Helfrich,	6	Plainfield, &c.,	1800	182	1290	105	48	6	Bath, Northampton " "
Cyrus Becker,	1	Catasaqua,*							Kreidersville, " "
Alfred J. Herman,	2	Jerusalem, &c.,	290	130	200	50	40	2	Maxatany, Berks " "
D. F. Brendel,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	650	58	450	32	16	4	Bethlehem, Northampton, " "
I. K. Loos,	3	Upper and Lower Mt. Bethel,	600	42	600	51	20	6	Richmond, Northampton " "
John Beck,	1	Easton,	500	50	425	28	23	1	Easton, Northampton " "
R. Vancourt,	6	Kreidersville, &c.,*							
J. H. Derr,†									Allentown, "
Levi Derr,									Tamaqua, Schuylkill " "
Vacant,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	450	142	77	400	51	1	Tamaqua, " " "

* No Report. † Assistant in Allentown with Rev. Dubs.

LEBANON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Mem.	Baptized.	By Confirmation	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd	Deaths.	Sab Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Philip Moyer,	1	Zion's church,			89	51		362			21		Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co., Pa.
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburgh charge,	316		50	52		307			18	2	Fredericksburgh, Lebanon co., "
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken charge,	1400		111	98		935			53	5	Meyerstown. " " "
Isaac Miese,	6	Bern charge,	1050		125	110		1018			44	8	Lower Bern, Berks county, "
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg charge,	1200		196	110		1080			60	11	Reading, " " "
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon charge,	827	867	88	36	6	475	6		51	2	Lebanon, Lebanon " "
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	1st church, Reading. &c.,	900		190	62	11	800			114	5	Reading, Berks " "
Henry Wagner,	2	Orwigsburg, &c.,	250		17	11		140	2		17	2	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill " "
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host charge,	1075		143	58		746			23	14	Bernville, Berks " "
Abraham Romich,	4	Jonestown charge,	300		51	10	4	211			20	4	Jonestown, Lebanon " "
Isaac E. Graeff,	3	Pottsville charge,	155	80	37	18		135			16	2	Lancaster, " " "
William A. Good,	3	Bernville charge,	300		37			250			3	8	Reading, Berks " "
Jacob Kline,	4	Minersville charge,	575		204	37		500			88	6	Schuylkill Haven, Schuylk'l co. "
Jonathan A. Heister,	5	Palmyra charge,	375	278	23	18	2	274	3		12	4	Annville, Lebanon county, "
Charles F. McCauley,	1	2nd church, Reading,	150		29	20	13	150	2		4	1	Reading, Berks " "
Joseph Apple,	1	Emmanuel's charge,	59		19	11		59			16	1	Hamburg, " " "
Charles W. Schultz,		Missionary.											Egg Harbor city, New Jersey.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Cong's. or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Memb.	Baptized.	By Confirmation	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunica'd	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shelhammer,	7	Union charge,	254	200	72	12		142			25	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dunger,	4	Ashland charge,	180	150	42	12		145			14	4	Fountain Spring, Schuylkill co., Pa.
William Goodrich,	6	Bloomsburg charge,	400	330	45	35	7	330			44	6	Bloomsburg, Columbia co., Pa.
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	4	Armstrong Valley,	256	200	40	20		220			25	5	Fisherville, Dauphin co.. Pa.
Albert G. Dole,	1	Milton,	185	150	13	13	12	180	10		4	1	Milton, Northumberland co., Pa.
Jared Fritzinger,	6	Mahony charge,	400	300	87	23		370			17	12	Green Brier, Northumberland co. Pa.
Isaac E, Graeff,	1	Selinsgrove,	140	100	22	16	11	140			6	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder co., Pa.
Henry Hoffman,	3	Shamokin,	250	200	27	11		250			15	2	Paxinos, Northumberland co., Pa.
Daniel Y. Heisler,	5	Sunbury,	292	200	33	35	5	292	5		20	5	Sunbury, " " "
David W. Wolff,	4	Danville,	178	100	11	12	14	154	1		6	2	Danville, Mountour co., Pa.
George Wolff,	4	Paradise,	635	600	49	48	16	587	16		21	4	McEwensville, Northumberl'd co. Pa
John B. Porner,	10	Conyngham,	364	300	88	27		364			38	10	Hazleton, Luzerne co., Pa.
William H. Grob,	4	Berrysburg,	180	100				165					Berrysburg, Dauphin co., Pa.
Ephraim Kieffer,	6	Lykens Valley,	225	140				140				5	Millersburg, Dauphin co., Pa.
C. Z. Weiser,		No charge,											Upper Hanover, Montgomery co., Pa
Henry Miller,		"											Turbutville, Nortl umberland co., Pa.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Charges or Cong's.	Members.	Baptized Mem.	Baptized.	By Confirmation	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Peter S. Fisher,	5	Boalsburg,	385		55	41	6	385	8		12	9	Boalsburg, Centre county, Pa.
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	231		56	26	16	231	3	2	9	5	Freeburg, Snyder " "
Ephraim Kieffer,	5	Mifflinburg,	520	600	63	37	4	520	10		18	10	Mifflinburg, Union " "
Henry Wiegand,	4	Nippanose,	371		27	17	3	347	3		9	5	Road Hall, Lycoming " "
William R. Yearick,	4	Nittany charge, *	257					213					Hublersburg, Centre " "
William G. Hackman,	6	Beaver,	440		102	22		301			25	7	Beaver Springs, Snyder co., Pa.
F. J. Mohr,	3	Williamsport,	200		20	25		168			5		Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pa.
J. S. Shade,	3	Liberty Valley,	247	300	35	31		161			4	3	Lamartine, Clarion county, Pa.
Benjamin Bausman,	1	Lewisburg,	168		5		7	168				1	Lewisburg, Union co., Pa,
L. C. Edmonds,	4	Aaronsburg, *	300					200					Aaronsburg, Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg, *	227					227					Millheim, Centre co , Pa.
Adolph B. Caspar,		No charge.											New Berlin, Snyder co., Pa.
Jonathan Zellers.		"											Lock Haven, Clinton co., Pa.

* Report of previous year.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congregations	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Baptized Mem.	Baptized.	By Confirma.	By Certificate.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Address.
Daniel Ziegler,	6	Creutz creek charge,	650		80	56		560		36	4	York, York county, Pennsylvania.
Jacob Sechler,	4	Hanover charge,		825	75	46		650		28	5	Hanover, York co., Pennsylvania.
Henry Aurand,												
John Reinecke,		Superannuated,										Shrewsbury, York co., Penn.
Frederick W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor charge,	365		43	22				21	4	York, York county, Pennsylvania.
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg charge,			29	22		835		16	4	Dillsburg, York co., Pennsylvania.
Charles H. Leinbach,	6	Landisburg charge,	700	778	55	63	5	585	10	14	8	Landisburg, Perry co., Penn.
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Carlisle charge,	180	170	15	10	7	176	2	6	1	Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
George Leidy,		With ut charge,										Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
Jacob Ziegler,	4	Gettysburg charge,	680		37	49	6	649	21	8	3	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
William C. Bennett,		Without charge.			4							Boiling Spring, Cumberland co. Pa.
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield charge,	315	408	27	13		223	1	4	6	New Bloomfield, Perry co., Penn.
David Bossler,	5	York charge, (German)			54	21		115		22	4	York, Pennsylvania.
Joseph S. Loose,		Without charge,										Greencastle, Pennsylvania.
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown charge,	500	300	41	19	10	480	2	19	7	Abbottstown, Pennsylvania.
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York charge, (English)	360		45	18	3	200	2		2	York, Pennsylvania.
John C. Bucher,	2	Sulphur Spring charge,	100		11	16		86		3	2	Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury charge,	430		57	23		366		27	5	Shrewsbury, York county, Penn.
David Hefelfinger,	4	Newville charge,	196		9	9	8	120	1	5	2	Newville Pennsylvania.
J. B. Keller,		Without charge,										Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
Francis Netcher,	5	Bender's charge,	340		46			285		2		Table Rock, Adams county, Penn.
T. G. Apple,	4	Mechanicsburg charge,										Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's charge,										Hanover, Pennsylvania,
T. P. Bucher,		Assistant to C. H. Leinbach.										Landisburg, Pennsylvania.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Mem	Baptis.	Confir.	Certifi.	Comm	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Post Office Address.
Elias Heiner, D. D.	1	First church, Baltimore	315	270	29	17		315		19	2	Baltimore, Maryland.
Vacant	1	Second church do										Baltimore, Maryland.
Andrew P. Freese	1	Third church do	174	226	19	3	5	154		3	1	Baltimore, Maryland.
Frederick A. Hersberger	2	Fourth church do	600	900	285	45		600		135	1	Baltimore, Maryland.
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick city	433	500	61	21	5	350		48	1	Frederick city, Maryland.
Grorge W. Gleasner	1	Middletown	420	305	9	6	4	366		5	4	Middletown, Frederick county, Md.
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown and Salem	230	250	20	18	3	220		7	1	Hagerstown, Washington co., Md.
Mortimer L. Shuford	5	Glade charge	413	395	37	8		389		8	5	Walkersville, Frederick co., Md.
Robert Douglas		Without charge			2	1						Shepherdstown, Jefferson co. Va.
Vacant	6	Manchester charge	594	560	48	24		460		11	6	Manchester, Carroll co., Md.
"	2	Emmittsburg charge	311	268	8	16		304		1	1	Emmittsburg, Frederick co., Md.
Joseph W. Santee.	4	Cavetown charge	396	190	38	18	3	360		9	2	Cavetown, Washington co., Md.
William F. Colliflewer	3	Jefferson charge	283	290	31	20	7	251		7	2	Jefferson, Frederick co. Md.
Vacant	2	Millerstown charge	190	200								Fairfield, Adams co., Penn.
Moses A. Stewart	1	Burkettsville charge	120	180	11	4	1	120			1	Burkettsville, Frederick co., Md.
Vacant	1	Silver Run charge	450	500	34		3	250	2	12	1	
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.		Foreign Missionary										Aintab, Syria.
William H. Zimmerman		Without charge										Frederick city, Maryland.
Charles Cast	1	2nd church, Hagerstown	129	70	3	6	19	129		4	1	Hagerstown, Washington co., Md.
George L. Staley		Without charge.										Mt. Washington, Baltimore co. Md.
E. William Reinecke	1	St. John's Church, Frederick	187	150	18		18	166		1	1	Frederick city, Marylrnd.
Louis A. Bruner.	3	Boonsboro' charge	300									Boonsboro', Washington co., Md.
Vacant	2	Mount Moriah charge	80	70								Bakersville, Washington co., Md.
Vacant	2	Clear Spring										
Gustavus Gramm	1	Fifth church, Baltimore										Baltimore, Maryland.
John G. Fritchey	4	Taneytown charge	350	300	26		3	300		12	3	Taneytown, Carroll co., Maryland.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Conges.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bay. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certifi.	Commun.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	Post Office Address.
George H. Martins	1	Loudon,	90		11	4		90		1	1	Lovettsville, Loudon co., Virginia.
Peter S. Davis,	2	Winchester,	80		22	5	1	70	6		2	Mt. Washington, Maryland.
John G. Wolff,	5	Woodstock,	231					223			5	Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.
Henry St. John Rinker,	5	Mill Creek,	256		21	12		245	4	1	2	Hamburg, Loudon co., Virginia.
Vacant,	3	Central,	103					53				
John C. Hensell,	3	Middlebrook,	160		31	8	3	150	11	3		Middlebrook, Augusta co., Virginia.
Vacant,	5	Pendleton,	45					34				
Samuel J. Fetzer,		Without charge,										New Hope, Augusta co., Virginia.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Shepherdstown,	190		27	3		190	1		2	Shepherdstown, Virginia.
Daniel Feste,	5	Rockingham,	190		15	3		190		3	4	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham co., Va.
Vacant.	4	Augusta,	110					110				

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	Cong	Congregations or Charges.	Memb	B. Mem	Baptis	Confirm	Certifi	Commun	Dismis	Excom	Deaths	S. Sch	Post Office Address.
George Boger,		Without charge,											Mt. Comfort, Cabarrus co., N. C.
John H. Crawford,		Catawba charge,											Finksburg, Carrol co., Maryland.
John Lantz,		Without charge,											Newton, North Carolina.
David Crooks,		Lincoln charge,											Lincolnton, North Carolina.
G. William Welker,		Guilford charge,											Clapp's, Guilford co., N. Carolina.
Jeremiah Ingold,		West Rowan charge,											China Grove, Rowan co., N. C.
Thornton Butler,		Without charge,											Lexington, North Carolina.
Vacant,		Newton charge,											Newton, Catawba co., N. Carolina.
do.		E. Rowan & Davidson ch's.											

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregs'.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bap. Mem.	Baptised.	By Confirm.	By Certifi.	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommu.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools	Post Office Addresses.
Sam'l. Helfenstein, D. D.,		Without charge											Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
Sam'l. Helfenstein, Jr.,		" "											Blue Bell, " " "
John S. Ermentrout,	1	Norristown,	177		23	24	28	120			8	1	Norristown, "
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Race street, Philadelphia,	206	297	13	13	29	206	6		3	1	Philadelphia, "
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zion's church, "	508	736	42	20	57	450	27		15	2	Kensington, Philadelphia, co., "
John Gantenbein,	1	Bethlehem, "	350	370	45	25	64	350	23		20	1	" " " "
Vacant.*	1	Salems, "			85	35	72	432			25	2	Philadelphia, "
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Bohms, &c.,	240		18	25	1	210	5		7	2	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., "
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland, &c	140					140					Chester Springs, Chester co., "
Alfred B. Shenkle,	2	Trappe, &c.,	361		15	13	1	298			11	2	Trappe, Montgomery county, "
E. M. Long,		General Agent, A. T. S.,											Norristown, " " "
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	200					200					East Vincent, Chester " "
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville, and Hilltown,	135					136					Pleasantville, Montgomery co., "
Charles Lukens,		Without charge											Frankford, Philadelphia co., "
George D. Wolff,		" "											Norristown, Montgomery co., "
Henry Wiesler,	1	East Vincent, &c.,	101		5	11	2	87	3		2	1	Manchester, Maryland.

* Supplied by Rev. G. Wiehle.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	Congregations or Charges.	Memb.	B. Mem	Bapti.	By Con	By Cer.	Com.	Dismi.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sco.	Post Office Address.
John Rebaugh	3	Middlebury charge	130	225	16	13	8	100	3		5	1	Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa.
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.		Editor of Ger. Ref. Mess.											Chambersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Benjamin S. Schenck, D. D.	1	Chambersburg German cong.	27	63	3		2	27			3	1	Chambersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Philip Schaff, D. D.		Professor of Theology											Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.		do do											" " " "
Samuel Phillips	1	Chambersburg charge	251	267	23	9	13	210	5		3	1	Chambersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
John S. Foulk	1	Greencastle charge	332	310	43	29	12	268	7		15	1	Baltimore, Maryland.
Frederick A. Rupley	1	Shippensburg charge	150	100				140			3	1	Shippensburg, Cumberland co., Pa.
Theobald Fouse	6	Woodcock valley charge	455	600	73	41		425			9	1	James Creek, Huntingdon co., Pa.
Henry Heckerman	5	Bedford charge	360	400	30	15	2	360			6	3	Bedford, Bedford co., Pa.
Jeremiah Heller	2	Martinsburg charge	106	150	7	4	3	106	14		1	2	Fremone, Ohio.
Samuel Miller		Editor of Kirchenzeitung											Chambersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler	2	Loudon and St. Thomas chg'e	196		13	3	7	180	6		9	2	Loudon, Franklin co., Pa.
Wm. M. Deatrick	2	Yellow Creek charge	132	162	31	15	10	132	3		3	2	Pattonsville, Bedford co., Pa.
Henry W. Super	2	Waynesboro' charge	200	125	16	19	8	180	6		5	1	Waynesboro', Franklin co., Pa.
Wm. D. C. Rodrock	4	Grindstonehill charge	235	160	24	40	6	208	4		3	2	Greencastle, Franklin co., Pa.
Samuel H. Reid	2	Supply of Huntingdon charge	180	185	20	15	1	180			3	2	Waterstreet, Huntingdon co., Pa.
Nicholas E. Gilds	5	St. Clairsville charge	525	620	97	106	5	510			13	3	St. Clairsville, Bedford co., Pa.
Joseph Hannaberry	4	Strasburg charge	156		16	3	2	129	2		1	1	Upper Strasburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Charles E. Hoffmeier	2	Friend's Cove charge	200		27	36	4	200			3	1	Charlesville, Bedford co., Pa.
Joshua Riale	4	Waterstreet charge	271	320	14			271			3	1	Alexandria, Huntingdon co., Pa.
Isaac G. Brown	2	Mercersburg charge	135		7	5		135	3		7	1	Mercersburg, Franklin co., Pa.
Vacant	3	McConnellsburg chargd											
Vacant	1	St. Peter's church, Ray's Cove	15	25				15			2		

WITHOUT CHARGE: F. A. Scholl, Superannuated, Greencastle, Pa.: Jacob Mayer, Columbia, Pa.; G. W. Aughinbaugh, Bedford, Pa.
LICENTIATE: Frederick Esch.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat'ns	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Bap. Mem.	Baptized.	By Confirma.	By Certificate	Communic.	Dismissed.	Excommuni.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Addresses.	
Daniel Zeller,		Superanuated,											Allentown, Lehigh county,	Pa.
John A. Strassburger,		do											Sellersville. Bucks "	"
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c,			10			150			9		Allentown, Lehigh "	"
Daniel Weiser.	2	New Goshenhoppen & Swamp	860	1000	105	30	25	800	5		26	4	Upper Hanover, Montgomery co.,	"
Lewis C. Herman,	3	Pottstown, Mountain, &c.,	390		42	29		290				2	New Hanover, " "	"
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Pauls, Jerusalem. &c.,	800		70	36	3	670			47	6	Hellerstown, Northampton, "	"
William T. Gerhart,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.,	788		45	67		568			24	4	Bucksville, Bucks county,	"
William Philips,	1	Reiglesville,											Easton, Northampton "	"
N. S Strassburger,	4	Amity, Pottstown, &c.,	730	647	63	17	1	496	1		65	4	Pottstown, Montgomery county,	"
A. L. Dechant,	5	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.,											Frederick, Montgomery "	"
Simon Gross,	2	Springfield and Ridgeroad,			17	8	4	75				1	Coopersburgh, Lehigh "	"
Vacant,	3	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c,											Sellersville, Bucks "	"
do.	1	Towamencin,												
	1	Baumstown sup. H. Wissler,												
	1	Pricetown, sup. W. A. Good.												
C. A. Rittenhouse.		Licentate.											Perkiomen Bridge, Montg co.,	"

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Me.	Bap.	B. M.	Con.	Cer.	Com	Dis.	Exco	Des.	S. S.	Post Office Address.
Henry Harbaugh	1	1st Church, Lancaster	603	71		21	11	538	4		10	2	Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
Isaac S. Demund	1	2nd do do	150	17		2		112	2		2	1	do do do
Daniel Gans	1	Salem congregation	190	19	140	5	13	120	4		18	1	Harrisburg, Dauphin co., Penn.
Isaac Gerhart				35		9	3	48			11		Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
John W. Hoffmeier	3	Millersville		27		28		145			6	3	Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
Daniel Hertz	7	Ephrata charge	320	76	100	23		260	24		30	2	Ephrata, Pennsylvania.
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.		No charge											Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
John V. Eckert	2	New Providence	164	14		7		125			6	3	New Providence, Lancas. co., Pa.
Martin A. Smith	5	Hummelstown	260	1	180	14		70				3	Hummelstown, Dauphin co., Pa.
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.	2	New Holland	120										New Holland, Lancaster co., Pa.
Christian C. Russell	1	Columbia	150	17	75	2		112	2		2	1	Columbia, Lancaster co., Penn.
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.		President F. and M. college											Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
Thomas C. Porter		Prof. in do do do											Lancaster city, Pennsylvania.
Theodore Apple		do do do do											Lancatter city, Pennsylvania.
John W. Hoffmeier, (supply)	3	Manheim	75	1		14		70				3	
John Naille	5	Elizabethtown, (report of '55)	160	10	130			120					Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Me.	B. M.	Bap.	Con.	Cer.	Com	Exco	Dis.	Des.	S. S.	Post Office Address.
John F. Busche	1	New York city	111		85	8		136				1	New York city, New York.
John Lichtenstein	1	Buffalo	498		34	13		363			15		Buffalo, Erie county, New York.
William Meyer	2	Tonawanda	289		73	33		253			29	1	Tonawanda, Erie co., New York.
Dietrich Willers	2	Fayette	192		43			149			13	2	Fayette, Seneca county, New Nork.
Lewis B. Schwartz	1	Boston	231										Boston, Massachusetts.
Andrew Shroder	1	Rochester	130		21	7		90			2	1	Detroit, Michigan.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong.	Cong's. or Charges.	Members.	B. Memb.	Baptized.	Confirmation.	Certificates.	Communicants.	Excommunica'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
D. B. Ernst,	4	Sagerstown,	254		20	35		221			5	2	Sagerstown, Crawford co., Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	4	Petersburg,	400		163	47		365			17	3	Lamertine, Clarion co., Pa.
H. F. Hartman,	5	Greenville,	350		24	50	10	280			12		West Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.
Lucian Cort,	3	Harmony,	190		13			130		1	1	3	Harmony, Butler co., Pa.
Abner Dale,	2	Fairview,	180		19	1		150			4	1	Brady's Bend, Armstrong co., Pa.
F. Wise,	4	Armstrong,	325		44	3		300			3	3	South Bend, Armstrong co., Pa.
J. G Shoemaker,	5	Rimersburg,	315		45	35	6	270			7	3	Curlsville, Clarion co., Pa.
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	225		34	24		200			7	3	Punxatawny, Jefferson co., Pa.
C. Scheel,	3	Tylersburg Mission,	131		18	1	4	77		28	3		Tylersburg, Clarion co., Pa.
Vacant,	2	Redbank,	680					413					
"	4	Ringgold, *											
B. Boyer,		Superannuated,											West Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.
S. N. Callender.		Without charge,											Meadville, Crawford co., Pa.

* Recently separated from Redbank charge.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Bap. Members.	Baptized.	By Confirmation	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunications	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.
East Pennsylvania Classis, - - -	19	86	13630		1831	823		10426			639	70
Goshoppen " - - -	12	35	3568	2447	352	187	33	3049	6		171	21
Lebanon " - - -	17	59	8932	1225	1409	710	36	7442	15		560	75
Zions " - - -	24	73	4816	2481	628	387	39	4830	39		211	58
West Susquehanna " - - -	12	44	3346	900	663	199	38	2921	24	2	82	40
East " " - - -	16	65	3939	3070	529	264	65	3479	32		235	61
Maryland " - - -	19	47	5975	5624	679	207	71	4734	59	2	282	34
New York " - - -	6	8	1451		256	61		991			59	5
Mercersburg " - - -	26	53	4056	3712	461	353	83	3710	53		97	27
Clarion " - - -	11	40	3050		380	196	20	2406	29		59	19
Virginia " - - -	8	35	1455		127	35	4	1355	22		8	16
Lancaster " - - -	15	31	2192	625	288	125	27	1840	36		85	19
Philadelphia " - - -	15	19	2384	1403	246	166	254	2529	64		101	12
North Carolina " - - -	7	22										
Total. - - - - - -	207	667	58794	21487	7549	3713	668	49812	377	8	2589	457
Synod of O., and Adj., States. Ten Classes.	135	364	12955	1806	2259	1221	404	15028	159	4	375	179
Total of the two Synods. Classes 24. -	342	1031	71749	23293	9808	4934	1072	64840	536		2964	636

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church,

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES;

CONVENED AT FAIRFIELD, GREENE COUNTY, OHIO:

COMMENCING ITS SESSIONS ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, 18TH OF MAY, 1859, AND CLOSING ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY EVENING.

DAYTON, OHIO:

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1859.

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GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF OHIO,

AND ADJACENT STATES;

Convened in the German Reformed Church, in Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, commencing its Sessions on the evening of Wednesday, the 18th of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and closing its Sessions on the following Tuesday evening.

ARTICLE I.

THE OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the absence of the President, the Synod was called to order at the appointed time by the Stated Clerk. Rev. D. Kemmerer was chosen President *pro. tem.* The opening sermon was preached by request, by Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D., from 1 Cor. 1: 22, 24.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. *From the Miami Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. Geo. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, J. Vogt,* S. Mease and T. H. Winters.

Elders.—A. H. Baughman, J. Ridnaur, M. Shearer and P. Baddorf.

*Seat occupied after Saturday morning by his secundus, Rev. D. Winters.

2. *Lancaster Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. H. Williard and I. S. Weisz.
Elder.—H. Leonard.

3. *Westmoreland Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. F. K. Levan and Geo. B. Russell.
Elder.—P. Whitehead.

4. *Sandusky Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. Wm. McCaughey and J. Schlosser.
Elders.—J. W. Lonas and Adam Shilling.

5. *Tiffin Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. M. Kieffer, D. D.,* J. Heller, E. Keller, J. G. Ruhl and D. W. Kelley.
Elders.—C. Meyers, H. Schaaf, John Royer and Peter King.

6. *St. Joseph Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. J. H. Kline and A. Shroeder.
Elder.—E. Vordermark.

7. *Indiana Classis.*

Minister.—Rev. G. H. Zumpe.
Elder.—George Knuppe.

8. *Illinois Classis.*

Minister.—Rev. H. S. Bassler.
Elder.—None present.

9. *St. John's Classis.*

Ministers.—Revs. D. Kemmerer and G. Zeigler.
Elder.—John Bartley.

11. *Sheboygan Classis.*

None present.

Synod of North America.

Rev. George Wolff.

Advisory Members.

Ministers.—Revs. P. Tendick, E. E. Higbee, W. K. Zieber, C. W. Hoyman, F. Wahl, E. F. Loeders, J. Richards, J. Weaver. P. Roser, J. B. Kniest, D. H. Reiter, Geo. A. Fickes, L. Rike, H. K. Baines, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, I. H. Reiter and H. Rust.
Elders.—Peter Cost, P. F. Cost, Wm. H. Wilson, Stephen Hagenbach, B. C. Taylor, S. J. Bowan, Jacob Coy, Adam Hawker and Frederick Hawker.

*Seat occupied after Friday by his secundus, Rev. E. E. Higbee

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. Heller, Fremont, O., *President.*
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, Dayton, O., is the *Stated Clerk.*
Rev. Geo. B. Russell, Pittsburg, Pa., *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O., *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The standing rules of Synod were read by the Stated Clerk, and the following hours fixed on for opening and closing the sessions of Synod.

Morning Session to commence at 9 and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2 and close at 4½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. E. Keller, F. K. Levan and D. W. Kelley; Elders P. Whitehead and P. King.

On Overtures—Revs. I. S. Weisz, G. Zeigler and S. N. King; Elders E. Vordermark and Geo Knuppe.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, A. Shroeder, J. Richards and W. K. Zieber; Elders John Royer and C. Meyers.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination—Revs. H. Williard, D. Kemmerer, Geo. Wolff and J. G. Ruhl; Elders H. Leonard and P. Baddorf.

On State of Religion.—Revs. S. Mease, Wm. McCaughey and H. S. Bassler; Elders J. Ridnaur and A. H. Baughman.

On the Theological Seminary.—Revs. Geo. Wolff, S. Mease and H. Williard; Elders M. Shearer and H. Leonard.

On Heid. College.—Revs. G. B. Russell, G. Zumpe and E. Keller; Elders C. Meyers and Adam Shilling.

On Missions.—Revs. J. H. Kline, G. Wolff and A. Shroeder; Elders John Royer and H. Schaaf.

On Finance.—Revs. J. Schlosser, E. E Higbee and Wm. McCaughey; Elders A. H. Baughman and J. W. Lonas.

On Publication.—Revs. Wm. McCaughey, M. Kieffer and G. Zeigler; Elders J. Bartley and Peter King.

On Religious Exercises.—Revs. S. N. King, H. K. Baines and G. W. Williard; Elders P. Baddorf and E. Vordermark.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. Vogt, J. H. Kline and P. C. Prugh; Elders J. Ridnaur and C. Meyers.

On Education.—Revs. T. H. Winters, G. Zumpe and J. Schlosser; Elders P. Whitehead and H. Schaaf.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The minutes of last year with those of the Synod of North America, were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The minutes of the different Classes were handed over and referred to the Committee on said Minutes.

4. The Reports of the different Boards and Treasurers were received, read and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Sermon on Thursday evening by Rev. J. Schlosser, of Akron, O.

Friday evening by Rev. J. Richards, of St. Paris, O.

Friday evening, (Osborn,) by Rev. Geo. B. Russell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Saturday afternoon by Rev. Geo. Wolff, of Limestoneville, Pa.

Saturday evening by Rev. H. Williard, of Columbus, O.

Sabbath morning by Rev. E. E. Higbee, of Tiffin, O.

Sabbath afternoon by Rev. J. H. Klein, (German,) of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Sabbath evening by Rev. F. K. Levan, of Somerset, Pa.

Sabbath morning, in Osborn, by Rev. Wm. McCaughey, of Navarre, O.

Sabbath evening by Rev. S. Mease, of Cincinnati, O.

Sister Churches.

Sabbath morning in the Methodist Church by Rev. C. W. Hoyman, of Somerset, O.

Sabbath evening in the Methodist Church by Rev. L. Rike, of West Alexandria, O.

In the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning by Rev. D. W. Kelley, of Bellevue, O.,

In the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath afternoon by Rev. W. K. Zieber, of Tiffin, O.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. KING, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod beg leave to report as follows:

Minutes of the Synod of Ohio.

Item 1. Church property in the city of Pittsburg. Page 7.

Item 2. Instructions to the Stated Clerk with reference to some documents in the hands of Rev. J. Steiner, bearing on the foregoing item. Page 7.

Item 3. Continuation of Committee on procuring a Seal for Synod. Page 8.

Item 4. Committee on European Churches.

Item 5. Committee to confer with a similar Committee of the Eastern Synod in regard to a General Synod, and the change of names of Synods. Page 8.

Item 6. Committee on Appeal. Page 8.

Item 7. Continuation and instruction of Trustees with regard to lots in the city of Opechee.

Item 8. Fund for disabled Ministers. Page 12.

Item 9. Instructions given to our Agent. Pages 25 and 26.

Item 10. Delegate to Eastern Synod. Page 40.

Item 11. Election of the various Boards. Page 40.

Item 12. Subject of the Child's Paper. Page 45.

Item 13. Request to Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College. Page 50.

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Minutes of the Synod of North America.

Item 1. Election of Delegate to this Synod. Page 15.

Item 2. Suspension of Triennial Convention. Page 17.

Item 3. The establishment of a Tutorship in our Seminary. Page 57.

Respectfully submitted,
ELI KELLER, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item:

Item 1. Elder H. Leonard reported that he had gone to Pittsburg to attend to the matter entrusted to his hands; but was unable to accomplish anything at the time. The Committee was therefore continued.

Item 2. The Stated Clerk reported that he had carried out the instructions given to him.

Item 3. No report. The Committee was continued. Rev. H. Rust is Chairman.

Item 4. The Committee reported progress and was continued.

Item 5. The Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to act with a similar Committee of the Eastern Synod, in reference to the change of names of the two Synods,

and the establishment of a Triennial General Synod beg leave to report:

That they held a joint meeting of the Committee at Frederick, Md., in October last.

1. The names of the Synods will be necessarily changed, in the event of the creation of a Triennial General Synod; especially will this be necessary, in case there be particular or district Synods formed.

The Committee therefore recommended that this part of the subject be allowed to lie over till such change be determined on, or refused.

2. The Committee decided to report favorable to the creation of a Triennial General Synod to represent the whole Church. To effect this, they recommend the following changes to be made in the Constitution of the Church, to be acted on in the regular way by the Classes:

Proposed Amendment

Of the Constitution of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, with a view to provide for a General Triennial Synod to represent the whole Church, and to create Particular Synods with the same jurisdiction in their several districts as the General Synod, during the two years intervening between the regular meetings of the General Synod.

Part II, Chapter II, Section 3.

Change the title so as to read, "*Of the General Synod.*"

Art. 1. Insert the word *General* before the word Synod, and change the title of the Church so as to read, "The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Art. 3. Change the word *annually* to "triennially," and the word *year* in the fourth line to "meeting."

Art. 5. Change the word *annual* in the ninth line to "regular."

Art. 7. Change the word *annual* in the seventh line to "regular."

Art. 9. Alter first line so as to read, "The Synod shall choose at each regular meeting, a President, &c."

Art. 10. Alter the first line so as to read, "The Synod shall appoint at each regular meeting, a Treasurer, &c."

Change fourth line so as to read, "He shall submit at each regular meeting, &c."

Art. 11. Change eighth line so as to read, "and shall each at every regular meeting, submit, &c."

Change line next to last in the second paragraph, so as to read, "shall be submitted to Synod at each regular meeting, for its, &c."

Art. 12. Substitute in the second line for the word *year*, the word "regular meeting."

Change second line of second paragraph so as to read, "the present meeting is chosen."

Substitute for the word *year* in the second line of the seventh paragraph, the word "meeting."

Change last line in last paragraph so as to read, "which have occurred since the last regular meeting."

Art. 15. Substitute for the word *annual* in next to the last line, the word "regular."

Add a New Section as Follows:

SECTION IV—OF PARTICULAR SYNODS.

ART. 1. The General Synod may, from time to time, as the interests of the Church require, constitute the Classes into Particular Synods, each of which shall embrace not less than four Classes.

ART. 2. Each of these Particular Synods shall hold a regular meeting during each year in which no regular meeting of the General Synod is held, at such time and place as may be fixed upon at the previous regular meeting.

ART. 3. Each Particular Synod shall be subject to the same rules and regulations in the transaction of business, as govern the General Synod, and shall have power to transact for the current years of their regular meetings, all such business within their respective districts, as is transacted by the General Synod, except such matters as relate to the whole Church, or involve controversies between two or more Particular Synods, or two or more Classes belonging to different Particular Synods.

ART. 4. The General Synod, may, as it shall judge expedient, commit to one or more of the Particular Synods, the exclusive control and management of any Theological Seminary or other institution or organization located within the bounds of such Particular Synod or Synods.

Should the foregoing amendments be adopted by the Classes, the first regular meeting of the General Synod shall be held at such time and place, as may be agreed upon by joint committees appointed for the purpose by the present existing Synods, at the annual meeting at which such constitutional adoption of the proposed amendments shall be ascertained.

Respectfully submitted,
D. WINTERS,
GEO. B. RUSSELL.

The amendments herein proposed were on motion referred down to the different Classes at their next annual meeting for approval or disapproval.

Item 6. The Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by Synod two years since, and continued last year, to issue an appeal to the wealthy ministers and members of the Church to contribute a liberal portion of the means with which God has blessed them, to the benevolent institutions of the Church during their life-time, and to remember them in their wills, would offer the following as their report:

By the permission of Synod your Committee have adopted, as their own, the appeal drawn up and issued by the Committee of the Eastern Synod. The plea is in book form of 128 pages, with the title, "A plea for the Lord's portion of a Christian's wealth, in life by

gift; at death by will." A copy of the same is herewith transmitted to Synod for examination.

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The appeal was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. B. Russell and D. Winters, and Elder Peter King. The Committee subsequently submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the "Appeal to Wealthy Church Members," as issued in the little book called the "Lord's Portion," report:

That from the examination they have been able to give it, they are of the opinion it is well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed. It discusses in a very earnest way, the Scriptural duty of giving to the Lord's cause, both during our life-time, and by will at death. No doubt, its general circulation in the Church would result in great good. Let the Church learn that the Lord has a "Portion."

In view of attaining the object for which said Appeal was prepared, especially in behalf of our Theological and Literary Institutions, the cause of Beneficiary Education and Home Missions, your Committee would suggest:

1. That this Synod earnestly request all the Classes in our bounds, to direct the attention of every minister to the importance of furnishing our people with correct information on the general subject of Christian Benevolence.

2. That the work published under the title of "The Lord's Portion," be cordially recommended as most admirably suited for giving to our people the necessary information on the subject treated of—and that we endeavor to give it a general circulation.

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Item 7. The Trustees reported through the Rev. P. C. Prugh, that they had not been able to effect anything in reference to said lots. The report was received and adopted; the Trustees were re-elected for another year.

Item 8. The Committee reported through Rev. M. Kieffer, that it was deemed inexpedient to organize a society of the kind, inasmuch as there is already one in successful operation. The report was received and adopted.

Item 9. Attended to.

Item 10. The Delegate, *secundus*, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Delegate, *secundus*, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States, which convened in Frederick City, Maryland, on the 19th of October, 1858, begs leave to report:

He takes pleasure in saying, that he met with a kind and fraternal reception, was very pleasantly entertained, and cordially invited to participate in the deliberations and discussions of Synod. He was present at all its sessions of nine days' continuance, and felt deeply interested in its proceedings and subjects of discussion.

Matters of grave and vital importance, relating to the general interests of the Church, claimed the attention of Synod. Prominent among these, were our relation to the Church in Europe, the establishing of a Theological Tutorship, the restoration of the original name to our Church in America, the formation of a Triennial General Synod, the publication of a new German Hymn Book and of a Child's Paper, and the cause of Missions, which is happily gaining increased favor and support throughout the Church in the East.

Your Delegate presented the kind salutations of the Church West, to the Eastern Synod, with the assurance of our ardent attachment to the Reformed standards of faith and doctrine, as well as our warm sympathies and Christian affection for our mother Church. And, that Reverend Body, through its presiding officer, authorized your Delegate to bear the fraternal greetings of the Church East to the whole Western Church, kindly assuring him of their heartfelt and abiding interest in our welfare and prosperity—in our common trials and discouragements—in our sorrows and joys, and in our labors and triumphs in the cause of Christ and his kingdom.

And having returned, freighted with pleasant and happy memories of the Synod at Frederick City, to join anew his brethren of the West in their arduous labors in the vineyard of the Lord, he can not forbear to express the conviction, that we as a Church, both East and West, are but one in life, one in faith, one in hope, and one in our aims and efforts, as well as one in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

The amount of expenses incurred by your delegate, is $20.00

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER.

On motion the Stated Clerk was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of Rev. I. H. Reiter for $10, being the one-half of his traveling expenses, according to the rule of Synod on this subject.

Item. 11. All reported except the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, and the Board of Visiters of Heidelberg College, in reference to which Synod expressed its regret that they had failed to make reports for the current year.

Item 12. The following report was received and adopted respecting the Child's Paper:

In accordance with a resolution of the last Synod, in which action the Eastern Synod also cordially concurs, the publication of such a paper was commenced by the undersigned, in January 1859, called the Pastor's Helper.

The paper has been before the Church in its regular monthly issues, since its commencement. It has met with much favor by all who have introduced it into their congregations. The Western part of the Church, so far, has not given it the amount of encouragement as to its circulation, which we had reason to expect. One-fifth only of the whole circulation is West of Pennsylvania. We issue now 6000 copies. From present indications, the publication, will barely sustain itself. The publisher will realize nothing for his labors. A strong and general desire has been expressed to have the paper issued

twice a month. This can only be done by either greatly increasing the price of the paper, or secondly, what is much more to be desired, *viz:* to increase the circulation to double or treble its present number. With anything like a common or general effort, in all parts of the Church, this could be easily done. Some sacrifice, on the part of the ministry and membership, must necessarily be made in the beginning. But it will richly repay in the future of the Church.

With the full co-operation of the whole Church, the publication will prove a great success. We solicit the united aid of all the brethren, who desire their paper to succeed.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. RUSSELL,
Publisher of the Pastor's Helper.

On motion it was resolved that the Pastor's Helper be recommended to the favorable notice of the different Classes, and Sunday Schools, and that they be urged to unite their efforts to increase its circulation throughout our bounds.

Item 13. Synod renewed the request as the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College had not carried out its wishes.

Item 14. The Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to confer with a Committee of the Trustees of Heidelberg College, upon the propriety of making certain alterations in the Constitution, Charter and By-Laws of Heidelberg College, would report:

That the Chairman of the Committee was present and participated in the action of the Committee of the College, at a meeting held in the College building, in the month of August, 1858.

In examining the Charter of Heidelberg College, it was found to occupy a basis broad enough to admit of the contemplated changes of the Constitution and By-Laws, without affecting it in the least.

The following are the proposed amendments of the Constitution and By-Laws, to be acted upon at the next annual meeting of the Board:

Section 1. Proposed to be changed as follows: The Board of Trustees shall consist of twenty-four members, one-fourth of whom shall be elected annually by the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio, and adjacent States. Should any vacancies occur by death, removal from the bounds of Synod, or otherwise, the Board itself shall have all power to fill such vacancies, by the election of persons who shall fill up the unexpired time.

Section 2. The Trustees shall elect annually, of their own number, by ballot, a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers.

Section 4. Is proposed to be changed so as to have two regular meetings during the year instead of one.

Section 5. The following addition is proposed: In all notices of special meetings, the business to be transacted at said meeting, shall be stated in the Circular.

Section 6. It is proposed to strike out the words "shall have power," so as to read, "the Trustees shall elect, &c."

Section 2. Under Article XI. Proposed to alter so as to read, "the Trustees shall in concurrence with the Faculty, grant and confirm such degrees in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, &c."

Section 6. Proposed to alter as follows: The Board of Trustees shall elect a Treasurer of the contingent fund, whose duty it shall be to collect all tuition and room rents, and report to the Treasurer of the Board at the end of each session.

Section 1. Article III. Proposed to change so as to read, "the course of instruction shall be such as is ordinarily pursued in Colleges.

Section 1. Article IV. Proposed to amend as follows: provided that such amendments and alterations be proposed at a regular meeting and that due notice of such proposed amendments and alterations be forwarded by the Secretary to the absent members.

The above alterations and amendments which are proposed in the Constitution of Heidelberg College were published so as to give Synod and the different members of the Board an opportunity of seeing what changes are contemplated.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

Minutes of the Synod of North America.

Item 1 and 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

1. Calls from Vacant Congregations—None.

2. Petitions and Communications.

1. Is an application from the Consistory of the Second German Reformed Congregation of Dayton, Ohio, for aid in the erection of a house of worship.

2. Is a letter from J. J. Painter, delegate from Westmoreland Classis, asking Synod to excuse his non-attendance, assigning sickness in his family as the reason.

3. Appeals and Complaints.

A letter from Rev. L. A. Brunner, of the Maryland Classis, in which he complains of the action of Sandusky Classis, in a certain matter in which he is implicated, and appeals from its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman,*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The application was sustained and the Congregation recommended to the favorable notice of the Church for such aid as they may need.

Item 2. Referred to his Classis.

Last Item. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. D. W. Kelley, S. Mease and J. Ridnaur. The committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee respectfully report that it has not been able to enter into a full consideration of the merits of the case, inasmuch as the Sandusky Classis has failed to furnish Synod with a record of its action with regard to it. In view of this neglect, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Sandusky Classis be instructed to re-adjudicate the case.

D. W. KELLEY, *Chairman*.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted item by item, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report :

1. *Irregularities.*

1. Westmoreland Classis, fails to note the absent members from its annual meeting. Adopted.

2. Illinois Classis, to constitute a quorum at its annual meeting, enrolled the names of ministers before being previously received by Classis. Adopted.

3. Sheboygan Classis, has neglected to furnish a copy of Report on the State of Religion, on a separate sheet of paper. Adopted.

4. The same Classis has no record of the election of its officers. Adopted.

5. St. Joseph Classis, authorized its Stated Clerk to erase the names of certain Ministers from its roll without recording the names of the persons thus dealt with. Adopted.

6. All the tables of Statistics in the Report of Classes are incomplete. Adopted.

7. St. Joseph and Indiana Classes failed to note the hour at which their annual meeting will take place. Adopted.

2. *Requests and Recommendations.*

1. Sandusky Classis expresses its satisfaction with its present boundary line, and refers Synod to its action at Greensburg, in 1854.

2. St. John's Classis proposes to print, as before, the Minutes of Synod in the German language, and will take copies of the same to the amount of $50.

3. *Subjects Referred to Classes.*

1. All the Classes accede to all the requests and subjects referred to them by Synod, except Lancaster, Sandusky, Sheboygan, Tiffin, St. Joseph, Indiana and St. John's Classes, are opposed to the change of the name of our Church from German Reformed to Evangelical. Adopted.

2. St. John's Classis also declines to accede to Synod's request, to readjust its boundary, and respectfully asks Synod to allow the arrangement made at the Greensburg Synod to continue in force. The request was granted.

4. *Receptions and Dismissions.*

1. Miami Classis received from the St. John's Classis the Rev. A. Wanner, and again dismissed him to the Mercersburg Classis of the Synod of North America.

2. Lancaster Classis ordained the Licentiate, N. H. Loose; and dismissed Rev. J. H. Buser to Illinois Classis.

3. Illinois Classis received the Rev. H. S. Bassler from Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. H. Bentz from the Tiffin Classis; and dismissed Rev. F. C. Bauman with a view of forming a classis in Iowa, and Rev. G. Weber to the Classis of Indiana.

4. Sandusky Classis received Rev. J. Schlosser from the Presbyterian Church and licensed J. Snyder.

5. Sheboygan Classis received Rev. J. J. Brecht from St. Joseph Classis.

6. Tiffin Classis dismissed the Licentiate, W. H. Fenneman to St. Joseph Classis, licensed and ordained D. W. Kelley and D. H. Reiter; received Rev. E. E. Higbee from Classis of Maryland; dismissed licentiate, H. Fehr to St. John's Classis; received Rev. C. Banks from St. John's Classis; licensed W. Witzgall; licensed and ordained F. A. Edmonds and C. Raths.

7. St. Joseph's Classis dismissed Rev. F. W. Dechant to Clarion Classis; Rev. J. J. Brecht to Sheboygan Classis; received Rev. P. Becker, and J. B. Ruhl from St. John's Classis; restored Rev. E. Spangler to the office of the Ministry; and received Licentiate W. H. Fenneman from Tiffin Classis and ordained him.

8. Indiana Classis dismissed the Rev. C. Kuss to Tiffin Classis; Rev. T. Etter to Sheboygan Classis; received Rev. C. Scheel from Clarion Classis, and the Rev. G. Weber from Illinois Classis.

9. St. John's Classis, licensed and ordained John Rettig; dismissed Rev. P. Becker, J. D. Gackenheimer and J. B. Buhl to St. Joseph Classis, and the Rev. L. Lienkemper to Sheboygan Classis. Adopted.

5. *Annual Meetings of Classes.*

1. Miami Classis meets in St. Paris, Champaign county, Ohio, on Thursday, October 6th, 1859, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. H. K. Baines, President, P. C. Prugh, Secretary.

2. Lancaster Classis meets in St. Paul's Church, Perry county, O., October 5th, 1859, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. H. Williard, President, I. S. Weisz, Secretary.

3. Westmoreland Classis meets in Ridge Church, on the first Wednesday of October 1859, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. N P. Hacke, President, G. B. Russell, Secretary.

4. Illinois Classis meets at Ogle Station, Lee county, Illinois, on the first Thursday in October 1859, at 7 o'clock P. M.; Rev. H. S. Bassler, President, D. Kroh, Secretary.

5. Sandusky Classis meets in Uniontown, Stark county, Ohio, on the 30th of September 1859, at 7 o'clock P M.; Rev. S. B. Leiter, President, Wm. McCaugher, Secretary.

6. Sheboygan Classis meets on the third Thursday of October, 1859, in Ashford, Fon Du Lac county; Rev. J. T. Kluge, Secretary, (President not reported).

7. Tiffin Classis meets on the first Wednesday of October, 1859, at 2 o'clock P. M., in Toledo, Ohio; President, Rev. M. Keiffer, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Kniest.

8. St. Joseph Classis meets in Zion's Church, Elkhart county, Indiana, on the second Thursday of October, 1859; Rev. W. B. Sandoe, President, and Rev. J. H. Klein, Secretary.

8. Indiana Classis meets in Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday, September 8, 1859, President, Rev. G. H. Zumpe; Secretary, M. G. I. Stern.

10. St. John's Classis meets at Wooster, Ohio, on the last Friday in September, 1859, at 6 o'clock P. M.; Rev. G. Zeigler, President, Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

Adopted.

6. *Classical Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

1. Miami Classis, Rev. P. C. Prugh.
2. Lancaster Classis, I. S. Weisz.
3. Westmoreland Classis, Rev. G. B. Russell.
4. Illinois Classis, Rev. D. Kroh.
5. Sandusky Classis, Rev. S. B. Leiter.
6. St. Joseph Classis, Elder J. Lantz.
7. ndiana Classis, Rev. M. G. I. Stern.
8. Tiffin Classis, Elder C. Meyers.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were adopted in connection with the above report:

Resolved, That the attention of the different Classes be called to the table of statistics, adopted by Synod at its meeting in Xenia, in 1855, (and amended in the year 1856,) and, that they be earnestly requested to make out their tables according to that form.

Whereas, The present form of preparing the copies of the Classical Minutes sent to Synod—(these copies being mere transcripts of the daily routine of business without special order or system)—gives unnecessary trouble to Synod's Committee on Classical Minutes. therefore,

Resolved, That the several Classes be requested to instruct their respective Stated Clerks so to prepare the copies of their Minutes sent to Synod, that the business transacted by them shall be placed under particular heads, as is done in the published Minutes of Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application for examination and licensure having been made in behalf of J. I. Swander, Peter Greding, Henry E. C. Shutte, Nathaniel Rutenik, and —— Wolf, students of the Theological Seminary, at Tiffin, Ohio, they were referred to the Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Committee, after a careful examination, presented the following report, which was adoped.

The Committee on Examination, etc., respectfully report:

That they have examined the applicants referred to them on the different branches required by the Constitution of the Church, and have found that of John I. Swander, Peter Greding and H. E. C. Shutte satisfactory, and would therefore recommend them for licensure to preach the gospel; whilst that of N. Rutenik and —— Wolf, was unsatisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,
H. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

It was therefore, *Resolved*, That the officers of Synod be instructed to furnish John I. Swander, Peter Greding and H. E. C. Shutte, with the regular testimonials of licensure to preach the gospel upon their signing the constitutional Formula.

These gentlemen having signed the Formula in the presence of Synod, were furnished with the testimonials of their licensure to preach the gospel.

On motion, John I. Swander was placed under the care of the Miami Classis; and Peter Greding and Henry E. C. Shutte under the care of Tiffin Classis.

Messrs. N. Rutenik and Wolf were advised to prosecute their studies still further in our Theological Seminary, at Tiffin.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Morals, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Rev. Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States:

Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics within the bounds of this Synod, would beg leave to report as follows:

God's all ruling presence is indicated in the events and conditions of his Church. With a deep sense of this truth, we now turn to view his glory as revealed in her religious life. As a Synod we are again

permitted to look upon this "bush that is burning," yet unconsumed. Contemplating it, we devoutly recognize Him, who is the giver of all good, in his merciful dealings towards us during the year that is past. Whilst our number as fellow-laborers in the vineyard of our Lord is increased, but one has fallen at our side.

With Christian sorrow we are called to record here the death of an aged and venerable father in our Israel. Father G. Weisz, we can number amongst us no more. He has been called since our last annual meeting, from his lengthened labors on earth, to his everlasting reward in heaven. His hand assisted in founding our Zion in the wilds of the West, nor did it cease from toiling till her structure was reared to adorn and endear the scene of our labors. The seed *he* assisted in sowing has yielded the fruit that *we* are permitted to gather. With reverence we cherish his name, whilst we record his life with those that are the "*fathers of the Church.*"

I. In representing the state of Religion, we would but reflect the sentiments expressed in the reports from the various classes within our bounds. We are warranted from these to affirm that *the State of Religion is advanced.*

An evidence of this is found in the *Church extension*, which is frequently presented to our notice. This prerogative of the kingdom of God, and which has ever been an evidence of its supernatural origin and constitution, and which is so clearly expressed in the words "go ye and *make* all nations to my disciples;" has marked her past year's history. Not only is it evinced in the considerable accessions to old congregations, but also in the establishing of many new ones, and their prosperous condition. The preached word has not been ineffectual, and the many fields presented which "are white for the harvest" have not all remained unentered. Though the laborers have not been sufficient, yet the prayers to the Lord of the harvest that he might send laborers therein have not been unanswered. Charges are more generally supplied with ministers, and a number have been found to respond to calls from entirely missionary fields

Another evidence is found in the *Church's increased zeal and activity*. In harmony with Her divine institution, the presence of Her ever-living Head is manifest in the *doing* of the Father's will, so that she may stand acknowledged as His, in the verification of the promise, "Lo I am with you alway." The reviving influence of saving grace through the divinely constituted means, is more clearly reflected in the lives and actions of those who are its subjects. An inward life, showing itself outwardly in a truly christian deportment, and in a constantly renewed activity in *doing* the will of God, may well challenge, both the admiration and confidence of men. This increased earnestness in the worship and service of God, is attended with its legitimate consequences. These are presented to view in the increased liberality and effort to spread the Redeemers' kingdom, and to win souls unto Him. The various instrumentalities for the accomplishment of these ends, have been more effectually employed. The increased attendence upon the means of grace as well as the increased

use of our religious literature, and also the increased contributions to our missionary operations and literary institutions, are all indications of a healthy and permanent growth.

A third evidence is found in the attention given to the *Church's proper religious life*. The proper form through which the divine presence as a life moves and acts, is being more clearly recognised, and its heavenly beauty more admired and correctly appreciated. That a specific life cannot exist in any or every form, or *without a form at all*, is a truth more generally felt and acted upon. Hence there is necessarily more thought bestowed upon the importance of a continuous identity—a growing dislike to become anything else from that which the church in her true character has *always been*. This is apparent, (theoretically at least, if not practically,) in the use and account made of our venerable symbol of Faith, the Heidelberg Cate. chism, as the form expressive of her anciently true and continuous life. To bring this specific life to assume and pervade its own spe cific form, as to some extent it has, demands increased attention to be bestowed upon the young, especially upon the children of the church. This after all, must be found to be the proper soil to cultivate in order to make sure of an abundant harvest. The more thoroughly and successfully this work is performed, the more is accomplished by our labors in the vineyard of the Lord.

2. But to reflect truthfully the sentiments of the Classical Reports, another side of the Religious State remains to be presented. We are again warranted in affirming that there is not only room, but *an urgent necessity for the State of Religion to be improved.*

The treasure of the Divine life, through grace is imparted to earthen vessels—the burning bush is grown on earthly soil. "Make all nations to my disciples," implies a process wrought in the material of a sin-ruined world. Short-coming, therefore, marks the condition of the church now as *alway*. The clearer the light of Christ's life shines forth, the darker are the shadows thrown out from the life of the world. Often the want of a truly christian life on the part of those professedly christian, miltates against the advancing glory of Christ's kingdom among men. Not only does this lifelessness permit those involved in this inconsistency, to neglect the cultivation of individual and family piety, but produces an inefficient and even improper impression upon the world. Regarding only the *absence* and not the *presence* of the transforming power of our holy religion, many are led to neglect the christian's privilege here, and forfeit the christian's heritage hereafter.

Also, an undue attachment to the interests of this life, is seen to weaken the aspirations after the good things of the "world to come." Involved and entangled in inferior interests, due attention is not given, and due effort is not put forth to further the interests of Christ's kingdom. Hence its progress in outward form, as also in inward character, is greatly retarded. The want of a more general and truly christian liberality to sustain our missionary and educational operations is seriously felt. These are especially *now* the channels through

which the church is called to accomplish her work, and the evil so frequently brought to notice cannot but seriously effect her true interest and her progress.

Finally this is seen to carry along with it another, and perhaps the greatest hinderance, namely, an insufficiency of ministerial labor. The word of life at many points but seldomly dispensed, and the ineffectual attempts to supply it to destitute places, is a sadening indication of failing to do that which ought to be done for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and for the salvation of souls. The clearest utterance of the indwelling life of the church is the "preached word," and just in proportion to the deficiency here, will there be a deficiency of a convincing apprehension of the christian religion on the part of men. Never perhaps, for our church, was there a time when the prayer to the Lord of the harvest was more earnestly required than now, that he might send laborers into his harvest.

In conclusion, we are forcibly reminded from the consideration of the *Religious State* of the church, that there is demanded at our hands, earnest and faithful labor in the service of our Divine Master. And further, that our "labor in the Lord" is not in vain, and hence, can take new courage for the future, knowing that it is the will of God to have his kingdom prevail over all.

The promise is again verified, as it ever must be, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end.

Respectfully submitted,
S. MEASE, *Chairman*,

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1. **Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.**

The present Board was elected by the Synod, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, last May, and then organized, by electing the undersigned as President, G. G. PRUGH as Secretary, and THOMAS SCHAEFFER, of Dayton, as Treasurer. As a Board, we are exceedingly glad to report that, notwithstanding our hitherto difficulties, we can now say that the Seminary is out of debt. The claim of Mr. Hedge, of Tiffin, for the lot of ground, the indebtedness of the Board, to Rev. WANNER, for the residence of the Professor, the expenses of the removal of the Professor, as directed by Synod, together with his salary, in the Theological Seminary, up to this time, have all been paid. And yet, the Synod must know, from the Report of my predecessor of last year, that the endowment funds of the Seminary, chiefly in shape of Plainfield Bonds, or notes, against individuals, secured by mortgage on real estate, are not sufficient—*i. e.* the interest thereof, even if the same should be punctually paid, which, however, is not the case; for, although the Board has repeatedly, through its officer, the Treasurer, called on those who are in arrears, to pay, yet, after all this effort, there remains, in interest due the Board on Plainfield Bonds, over two thousand dollars, from minis-

ters and individuals, some not having paid one cent for eight years. Now, what shall the Board do to collect this interest? If the Synod cannot advise some plan, by which this money can be collected, it will be necessary to make apportionments among the different classes to meet the Professor's salary in the Seminary, and that does not work even and right upon those ministers and members who have always done their whole duty in this matter; and there are some who have done so. It is the opinion of your Board, that the yearly taking up of collections, in every church, would accomplish the end with the greatest ease, and fall more equally upon the entire church; those could then contribute who have never had an opportunity, and there are many who never have had the subject brought before them; and those who have given, could give again, if they chose.

The resolution of Synod, at its last meeting, requesting the church to take up special collections, together with the appeal of the Board, through its President, on the same subject, met with so little response, there being only the following ministers out of one-hundred and thirty, viz: Revs. P. J. Spangler, S. B. Leiter, E. Keller, P. C. Prugh, G. W. Williard, A. C. Kendig, D. Winters, and R. Good, that have complied with the request, that the Board is almost ashamed to ask the Synod to renew the request. But try it once more; "*Fear not, only believe.*"

The accompaning report (Treasurer's) will show more satisfactorily the financial condition of the Seminary, to which the attention of Synod is respectfully directed.

D. WINTERS,
President of the Board of Trustees of the Theo. Seminary.

2. Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Endowment Fund.

THOMAS SCHAEFFER, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, DR.

May 14, 1858,	To balance on hand	$63 57
June 9, "	To amount George Schaeffer's Bond	50 00
July 6, " "	J. Boergetr's Note	50 00
" 19, " "	W. A. Charles' Bond	50 00
Aug. 26, " "	D. Flickinger's do	100 00
Jan. 27, 1859, "	H. Balliet's do	50 00
Feb. 7, " "	J. Keiffer, balance of Note	30 00
" " "	John Snyder's Bond	100 00
		$493 57

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July 27, 1858,	By paid Rev. A. Wanner, bal. of Note,	$80 00	
" " " "	Express charges on remittance,	30	
Feb. 22, 1859, "	Error in interest in former settlement, on Hedge's Note, should be in immediate use,	69 43	$149 73
	Balance on hand—Endowment		$343 84

DR. TO FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

May 14, 1858,	To	Balance on hand		$14 19
" 28, "	"	Interest of	Mary Baughman	6 00
" "	"	"	A. H. Baughman	6 00
" "	"	"	J. Meyer	10 00
" "	"	"	C. Cresga	15 00
" "	"	Collection of	Rev. P. J. Spangler's Charge	20 00
" 21, "	"	Interest of	A. H. and S. H. Baughman	15 78
" 22, "	"	Collection of	Mt. Zion Charge, Rev. D. Winters,	15 00
" "	"	Interest of	William Marshall	3 00
" 24, "	"	"	Joseph Coblentz	6 00
July 3, "	"	"	J. Steel	1 50
" 8, "	"	"	Charles Brown	12 00
" "	"	"	John Deitz	3 00
" "	"	"	Mariah Dressler	3 00
" 19, "	"	"	W. A. Charles' Estate	6 00
" 27, "	"	"	J. Tawney	6 00
Aug. 10, "	"	"	John Prugh	6 00
" "	"	Collection of	Rev. R. Good's Charge	6 00
" 14, "	"	Interest of	John Snyder	6 00
" 23, "	"	"	A. Fauber	4 80
" 25, "	"	"	D. Flickinger	13 00
" 28, "	"	Subscription,	E. Baughman, per S. B. Leiter	5 00
" "	"	"	J. Bretts	7 50
" "	"	"	T. W. Chapman	15 00
" "	"	"	J. Christman	5 00
" "	"	Interest of	J. Ridenaur	4 80
Sept. 1, "	"	"	Rev. J. Ruhl	6 00
" 2, "	"	Subscription,	Rev. P. J. Spangler	25 00
" " "	"	"	C. Dreiblebliss	10 00
" 13, "	"	Interest of	H. Bott	3 00
" "	"	"	Amelia Schmertz,	5 00
Oct. 4, "	"	Subscription,	J. Yarick	3 50
" 25, "	"	Interest of	P. Batdorf	3 00
" 27, "	"	"	Rev. J. A. Leis	2 50
" 28, "	"	"	J. Reidy	3 00
" "	"	Subscription,	Bucyrus Charge	6 00
Nov. 3, "	"	Interest of	Jesse Prugh	6 00
" 8, "	"	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, on loan to Synod	50 00
" "	"	Amount of	Rev. I. H. Reiter, apportionment	67 50
" "	"	Error in Report. 1858, amount from Bunn's Bond paid Good		57 00
Dec. 3, "	"	Interest of	Rev. J. Ruhl	6 00
" "	"	"	John Urbin	3 00
" 27, "	"	"	B. Ewry	3 00
" "	"	"	J. V. Prugh	3 00
" "	"	"	D. H. Prugh	5 00
Jan. 6, 1859,	"	"	H. Zigler	6 00
" "	"	"	S. Crist	6 00
" "	"	"	J. Deitz	3 00
" 14, "	"	Subscription,	Bucyrus Charge	9 00
" 15, "	"	Interest of	A. and J. Mast	4 00
		Carried forward,		$511 07

		Amount brought over,	$511 07
Jan 17, '59.	To	Collection of Mt. Zion Charge	10 00
" "	"	Interest of Rev. D. Winters	6 00
" "	"	" " D. Carroll	6 00
" "	"	" " D. Wampler	3 00
" 26, "	"	Donation of Mary Dubbs	3 00
" "	"	Subscription, H. Leonard	5 00
" "	"	" " John Urbin	1 00
" "	"	Interest of John Urbin	3 00
" 27, "	"	" " H. Balliett	20 75
" 29, "	"	" " S. Hagenbaugh	9 00
Feb. 4, "	"	Collection of West Alexandria Charge	8 00
" 7, "	"	Interest of J. Keiffer, on Note	5 45
" "	"	" " John Snyder	4 00
" 11, "	"	Note and Interest of P. Maglott	6 90
" 14, "	"	Subscription, Bucyrus Charge	5 00
" 17, "	"	Interest of Rev. J. A. Leis	6 73
" 19, "	"	" " J. Moyer	5 00
" 22, "	"	Error in Interest on Note of Hedge—Entry of Endowment as immediate use	69 43
" 24, "	"	Interest of N. Fowley	18 00
Mar. 18 "	"	" " Rev. E. V. Gerhart	6 00
" 21, "	"	Amount of Rev. I. H. Reiter, on apportionment.	49 50
April 2, "	"	Collection of Rev. P. J. Spangler's Charge	25 00
" 10, "	"	" " Dayton Congregation	5 10
" "	"	" " Mt. Carmel "	3 00
" 18, "	"	Interest of Jacob Kuhn	3 00
" 25, "	"	Amount of I. H. Reiter, on apportionment	15 00
" 26, "	"	Interest of P. Milhaffer	1 00
" 28, "	"	" " Jacob Rust	36 00
May 3, "	"	Amount of I. H. Reiter, on apportionment	25 00
" 6, "	"	Collection, Xenia Congregation	5 00
" "	"	Interest of Susan Bunn	20 00
" 12, "	"	Amount of Rev. I. H. Reiter, on apportionment.	12 00
" "	"	Allowed interest on Endowment Fund on hand, average $200	6 00
			$917 93

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Aug. 9, 1858,	By	paid interest to Rev. A. Wanner	$108 00		
" "	"	" " Express charges on $113..	50		
" "	"	Error in former settlement; Ent. of Bunn's Bond	57 00		
Jan. 1859,	"	Envelopes, Stamps and Static'ry	3 50		
" 17, "	"	Paid removal expenses of Kieffer	115 00		
May 14 "	"	" Prof. Kieffer Salary in full	600 00		
" "	"	" Loss on $12 Wisconsin funds	36		
" "	"	Amount on hand, this day	33 57		$917 93
May 14 "		To Balance on hand			$33 57

2. Report of the Treasurer of the Library Fund.

The Committe on the Library reported as follows:

That no funds come into their possession, during the past year, but that valuable books had been received, from the following sources:

One box from the library of Rev. C. F. Fehle. deceased, Canton, Stark county, Ohio.

One box from Rev. F. Wahl, Poland, Mahoning county, Ohio.

One box from Rev. B. C. Shenkle, Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

The amount paid express company, on the same, is four dollars and sixty cents.

Lancaster Classis is still indebted to the Library Fund,	-	$5 00
St. Joseph Classis " " "	-	5 00
Total amount of indebtedness, - - - -		$10 0

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. ESCHER, *Librarian.*

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary:

Resolved, That this Synod be requested to take into consideration, the propriety of removing the Theological Seminary to a more available locality.

3. Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary, would offer the following, as their Report, from the documents placed in their hands:

1. That the entire Seminary debt is paid.

2. That the Endowment Fund of the Seminary, in the shape of Plainfield Bonds, &c., is not sufficient to meet the current expenses of the Seminary; and that the interest on Plainfield Bonds and Notes, to the amount of more than two thousand dollars, has not been paid.

In view of these things, your Committee would recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved,* That it be enjoined upon each minister, to take up yearly collections, in each of his congregations, for the immediate use of the Seminary.

2. *Resolved,* That the Treasurer be requested to urge, through the *Missionary,* the speedy payment of the interest due on the Plainfield Bonds and Notes.

3. *Resolved,* That if this course fail to reach the object desired, the Treasurer be requested to appoint local agents, or, if deemed better, a general agent, to collect the old dues, and pay such a percentage as may be agreed upon.

In reference to the resolution that was referred to us, respecting the removal of the Theological Seminary to a more available locality, your Committee deems it inexpedient to agitate the subject under existing circumstances.

Your Committee also learns, from the Report of the Librarian of the Seminary, the indebtedness of the following Classis to the Library Fund:

Lancaster Classis, - - - - - -	$5 00
St. Joseph Classis, - - - - - -	5 00

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE WOLFF, *Chairman.*

The following resolutions were passed, respecting the Seminary:

Resolved, That Rev. J. J. Escher be continued a committee on the Theological Library.

WHEREAS, it is of very great importance that our ministers should be fully qualified, on entering the ministry, to minister to the wants of our German people, and, whereas, such qualification is to be acquired mainly in our Theological Seminary; and, whereas, our present worthy Professor in the same, has, already, fully enough to attend to, beside this specific work; therefore,

Resolved, That our efficient agent be, and is hereby instructed to raise the necessary endowment for such Professorship, in the Theological Seminary, forthwith, and that the same be filled by an election, at our next Synodical meeting, provided the necessary amount be procured by that time.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

1. Report of the Board of Domestic Missions.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES:

Through the abounding mercies of the Great Head of the Church, the Board of Domestic Missions is again permitted to lay before your reverend body an Annual Report of its labors.

Regarding the subject of Missions as preeminent in the spread and final triumph of the Redeemer's Kingdom, we cannot but acknowledge our short comings and inefficiency in the great work entrusted to our care. But relying upon the grace and promises of a covenant keeping God, we have gone forward, in the discharge of duty, with but one object in view; viz: the extension and edification of the Church of Christ. We have been untiring in our efforts to awaken in the Church a still deeper interest upon the subject of Missions, by laying before her its claims and wants.

The moneys entrusted to us for distribution have all been appropriated as the wisdom and judgemnt of the Board dictated. Three regular meetings were held during the year, at which, in connection with other business, the following special rules were adopted:

1. No appropriation will be made to any organized congregation or mission, unless, a petition be presented to the Board, giving a full description of the field and signed by the Consistory of the Congregation or Charge.

2. The last quarterage will be withheld from any missionary who resigns his charge without giving to the Board three months notice of such resignation.

New Missions.

The German Mission of Pittsburg, at the request of the Westmoreland Classis, was taken under the care of the Board at its meeting in Ft. Wayne, and a commission with an appropriation of $300, dated April 1st, 1858, given to the Rev. J. Roemer. For want of sufficient encouragement, the Board did not feel itself justifiable in continuing the appropriation, hence the missionary resigned his field at the close of the year.

Fremont, Ohio.—This field consisting of two congregations was organized by the Rev. J. Heller. Owing to a division of the charge, the congregation asked the Board of Missions for the small appropriation of $60, for their Pastor. The field is as encouraging as it is important. It is to be hoped, however, that there will be no necessity of continuing the appropriation.

Findlay, Ohio.—At the repeated solicitation of the Tiffin Classis this field was taken under the care of the Board, and a commission with an appropriation of $100 given to its pastor, Rev. H. Kortheur. In this mission there are three congregations with a membership of seventy-two persons. The amount of salary raised by the charge is $96. They have no Church buildings, and the labors of the missionary are attended with many difficulties.

Jefferson Mission, Williams County, Ohio.—To this Mission Rev. A. Butt was commissioned, June 1st, 1858. Having been successful in his labors, the missionary enlarged his field, and now preaches to six congregations. The present membership is 195; received during the year eighty-one. The appropriation is $50.

Oskaloosa, Iowa.—Rev. J. H. Buser was commissioned in the early part of the winter to visit this place and surrounding country. His labors among these people for a few weeks were so encouraging that upon his return home, he resigned his charge and moved out to take the pastorate of this mission. He has not yet received his commission.

Missions Continued.

The Missions and Pastors continued are, English Mission, Cincinnati, Rev. S. Mease; Second German Church, Cincinnati, Rev. C. Saure; Beardstown, Illinois, Rev. C. Schilier; Toledo, Rev. H. Eshmeier; Upper Sandusky, Rev. P. Jorris; Attica, Seneca County, Ohio, Rev. P. Tendick; Terre Haute, Rev. F. W. Steffens.

The changes in these fields since our last report have been so slight as not to justify a separate and special delineation. While the labors of some of these missionaries have been so abundantly blessed as to place their final success beyond all doubt, thick clouds overshadow the fields of others. At times the missionary exclaims, in view of the labor he is required to perform, the difficulties that rise up before him, and the sacrifices he must necessarily make, "Who is able, O Lord, for these things?" But seeking wisdom and strength

from 'the Great Missionary Above' and with the continued prayers and encouragement of the Church, there are no good reasons why all these missionaries may not succeed in establishing self-supporting charges. In the case of some, however, it will require a much longer time to accomplish this work than was first anticipated.

Missions Discontinued.

Anna, Illinois.—The Rev. J. McConnell, because of ill-health, could no longer preach regularly in all the congregations of his charge; hence he released the Board from further appropriations. He, however, still continues to supply the field as his health permits.

Huntington, Indiana.—This mission was vacated in August last, by the resignation of Rev. J. J. Brecht. But through the influence of the Board the Rev. J. B. Rule has taken the pastorate of this field and the mission has become self-supporting.

Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana.—In the month of September last, this field was vacated by the removal of Rev. T. Etter to Sioux City, Wisconsin. This mission still remains unsupplied.

Pulaski, Williams County, Ohio.—Because of some difficulties arising between the pastor and people, the Rev. W. Reed, at the close of his year of successful labor resigned his commission. The field is still vacant.

The Board had under its commission during the year sixteen missionaries. The probable number of congregations is thirty, with a membership of 1386. The number of members received during the year is about 263. The salary received from the congregations is $2353, and from the Board $1995.

General Superintendency.

The Rev. W. K. Zieber still continues in the service of the Board as the General Superintendent of Missions. At the close of his last years' labor, your Board, in connection with the Eastern Board, felt the importance of continuing his services, and therefore acted accordingly. The conditions upon which he is employed, and the work performed by him, are similar to those of the former year. Immediately on the adjournment of the Synod, at Ft. Wayne, he started upon a Western tour. Passing through eleven counties in the State of Iowa, he opened five new fields of labor in the following places, viz: Tipton, Iowa City, Oskaloosa and Loisa, Washington and Jones counties. Of these the only ones supplied are Tipton, by the Rev. J. Riale, under the commission of the Eastern Board, and Oskaloosa by Rev. J. H. Buser. In Indiana he opened a Mission at Corydon, which is still unsupplied with a pastor; also one in Piqua, Ohio, to which Rev. P. Roser has lately been called. In connection with these he visited Brown county, Ohio, which is still without a pastor; Dayton, Tippecanoe county, Ind., is still vacant; Detroit, Michigan, Sandusky, and Allen county, Ohio, etc. He also presented the cause of Missions to twenty-four congregations in the Eastern Synod, and fifteen in the Western. Many congregations which he could not reach, he addressed through letters. The most discourag-

ing feature in the whole work of the Superintendent is the difficulty he experiences in finding suitable Ministers to take charge of vacant missions.

Finances.

More moneys have been collected this year, for missions, than during any previous year of Synod's history,—the whole amount being $1,570 33. Yet never since its organization has the Board been so deeply embarrassed as now. The increasing wants of the Church, in its outward historical progress, far surpasses the supply of means by which its great work is to be effected. We have already referred to the want of Ministers to enter the field ripe for the harvest. This should lead pious parents to devote their sons, and the young men of the Church to turn their attention to the Gospel ministry. But the insuperable difficulty with which the Board has to contend, is the want of funds to meet the claims of missionaries already in the service of the Board, and to commission others who are standing ready for the work. Ministers of the Gospel shrink from entering fields, far away from home and tried friends, without a competent support to keep themselves and families free from debt, especially when they have nothing with which to meet these when once contracted.

We have important and promising fields earnestly calling for the bread of heaven, and men are ready to respond to these calls, but we have not the means with which to send them. As a Church, we are still in a comparative sleeping state. The cause of missions has never yet aroused our energies to the performance of the work for which they have been capacitated by God himself. We are more concerned for our own comfort and well-being in the erection of fine Churches and the supply of an acceptable pastor, at home, than we are to send the Gospel to the destitute and build up the kingdom of Christ, "*in regions solitary yet.*"

We have plenty of resources; but how shall they be made available? The slow progress we are making when compared even to many of our sister denominations whose history falls far behind our own, is truly a source of great lamentation. Were it not that we are conscious of having a special mission to fill, we might, long since, have become so discouraged as to cease all further effort, and permit ourselves to be swallowed up by some larger and more influential Church. But as long as the promise is to the "Little flock," let us work on and trust in God. O! that our people might every where have such a heart in them as to lead them not to regard the things they possess as their own, but as holding them simply in trust, ready to part with them when ever the glory of God and the need of the Church require!

Certificates of Life Membership.

A proposition was made by the Eastern Board to make us an equal partner in the plate and property connected with the certificate, by paying $200, being about one third of the original cost; or they

would furnish them to us at a cost of twenty-five cents per copy. The Board accepted the last proposition. One hundred copies have been filled, and most of them distributed; another hundred have been ordered, but they have not yet arrived.

Church Extension.

The only business transacted during the year was the loaning of $65, the whole amount in the Treasury, to the Mission Church of Terre Haute, taking a mortgage upon the Church property as security. No other moneys or notes have yet come into our hand.

P. C. PRUGH.
President of the Board.

Xenia, May 17th, 1859.

2. Report of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

A. H. BAUGHMAN, Treasuerer: In accountwith the Board of Domestic Missions of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States.

To amounts of money received since my last Report to Synod at Ft Wayne, May 18, 1858:

Miami Classis.

From		DR.	
Rev. David Winters, Mount Zion Charge,		$147 00	
" T. H. Winters, Hyland Charge,		7 15	
" P. C. Prugh, Xenia Charge,	$59 25		
" ——— ——— Xenia Sabbath School,	15 10	74 35	
" J. Vogt, New Madison Charge,		42 20	
" H. K. Baines, Fairfield Charge,		88 67	
" H. Rust, First German Reformed Church, Cincinnati,		79 61	
" J. McConnell, Anna, Illinois		19 55	
" G. W. Williard, Dayton Charge,		25 00	
" I. H. Reiter, Miamisburgh "		30 00	
" A. Wanner, Germantown "		6 00	
" J. Richards, Union "		58 75	
" J. M. Lefever, Darke county "		13 03	
" G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile, Darke county Charge,		67 93	
" C. Saure, Third German Reformed Church, Cincinnati		30 00	
" A. C. Kendig, West Alexandria Charge,		42 35	
" J. A. Leis, St. John's Church,		2 50	
" J. Weaver in his Charge,		12 71	
" Levi Rike, Corydon Mission, Indiana,		10 00	
" Jacob Thomas, Springfield, Ohio,		5 00	
		———	$711 80

Lancaster Classis.

Rev. I. S. Weisz, Lithopolis Charge,		$15 00	
" J. H. Buser, Kinnick, Kinnick Charge		29 50	
" D. W. Hoyman in his Charge		21 00	
Basil Congregation,	$27 11		
Basil Sabbath School.	3 15	30 26	
Emanuel Giesy, Treasurer of Classis,		20 00	
Rev. N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove Charge,		16 15	
" H. Leonard, pledge made at Classes,		15 00	
		———	$146 91
Carried forward, - - - - - -			858 71

Amount brought over, - - - - -		858 71

Westmoreland Classis.

Rev. G. B. Russell, Grace Church, Pittsburg,	$58 00	
" R. P. Thomas, Salem Cross Roads,	16 50	
" N. P. Hacke, in his Charge,	1 00	
" F. K. Levan, Somerset Charge	10 00	
" L. H. Kefauver, Greensburg,	48 50	
Classical Treasurer,	40 00	
		$174 00

Sheboygan Classis.

Rev. A. Muhlmeier, Zion Charge,	$5 00	
		$5 00

Sandusky Classis.

Rev. S. B. Leiter, Tuscarawas Charge,	$5 00	
" H. Hess, Shelby Charge,	25 30	
		$30 30

St. Joseph Classis.

Rev. J. H. Klein, Ft. Wayne Charge,	$22 00	
" J. J. Brecht, Huntington	9 00	
" F. W. Dechant, Bluffton, Indiana,	5 00	
" W. H. Fenneman, Bluffton Indiana,	8 33	
" A. Butt, Jefferson Charge,	10 56	
		$54 89

Tiffin Classis.

Rev. R. Good, Good Hope Charge,	$31 95	
" J. H. Good, Second Church Tiffin,	8 00	
" J. G. Ruhl, Marion Charge,	15 00	
" H. J. Rutenick, Tiffin,	9 00	
" E. Keller, Bucyrus Charge, $6 50		
" ——— ——— Bucyrus Congregation, 29 05	35 55	
" J. J. Escher, Thompson Church	20 00	
" J. J. Escher, (himself,)	3 00	
" J. Knie, Hessville Charge	5 00	
" M. Kieffer, D. D., Ft. Seneca Congregation	25 10	
" P. Jorris, Upper Sandusky Mission	12 70	
" P. Tendick, Carolina Mission	11 59	
" D. H. Reiter, Allen County Ohio	6 00	
E. E. Higbee, First G. R. Church, Tiffin	42 40	
		$225 29

Indiana Classis.

Rev. G. H. Zumpe in his Charge	$8 40	
		8 40

Illinois Classis.

Rev. F. C. Bauman, in his Charge, Iowa	21 00	
Mr. Jonathan Reitzel, Illinois	3 96	
		24 96

St John's Classis.

Rev. D. Kemmerer, Wooster Charge 100 00		
" " " Sabbath School 5 00	105 00	
Mrs. J. Betz for pledge at Synod	5 00	
From Classis per Rev. Kemmerer	69 78	
Rev. S. N. King, Washingtonville	4 00	
" J. D. Gachenheimer, St. Paul's Charge	5 00	188 78
		1570 33

The Treasurer Credits himself as follows:

Ballance due him at last report		00 25
Paid out since as follows:		
By Cash to Rev. A. H. Winter, Missionary in Wisconsin,		15 00
do	Schiller, Missionary, Beardstown, Ill.,	63 00
do	W. M. Reed, Pulaski, Ohio,	40 00
do	P. Jorris, Missionary, Upper Sandusky,	74 70
do	J. J. Brecht, Huntington, Indiana,	50 00
do	C. Saure, Third G. R. Church Cincinnati,	149 50
do	H. Eshmier, Toledo, O.,	100 00
do	T. Etter, Bowling Green, Ind.	37 50
do	S. Mease, Second Germam Reformed Church Cin'ti.	200 00
do	F. W. Steffens, Terre Haute, Indiana,	151 00
do	J. J. Roemer, Pittsburg, Pa.,	300 00
do	P. Tendick, Attica, Ohio,	75 09
do	J. McConnell, Missionary, Anna Illinois,	49 50
do	E. F. Loeders, Second G. R. Church, Dayton,	50 00
do	Andrew Butt, Williams Co., Ohio,	47 56
do	F. C. Bauman, Zwingle, Iowa,	21 00
do	H. Korheur, Findlay, Ohio,	25 00
do	J. Heller, Fremont, Ohio,	15 00
do	J. B. Ruhl, for expenses in moving to Huntington, Ind.	13 00
do	J. H. Buser, for expenses in moving to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and visiting,	49 00
do	Levi Rike, traveling expenses in visiting Corydon Mission, Indiana,	17 00
do	P. C. Prugh, for traveling expenses in visiting Darke county Mission	3 25
do	G. W. Williard—for fifty copies of Minutes of Synod	5 00
do	I. Gerhart, President of Eastern Board of Mission	
do	for Certificates of Life Membership	20 00
do	P. C. Prugh, President of Board, for Postage, &c.	10 00
do	Rev. W. K. Zieber, Superintendent of Missions as part of salary to May 1, 1859,	154 00
do	Rev. W. K. Zieber, Superintendent of Missions as traveling expenses to this date,	31 08
do	Cash paid for Postage and Stationery,	1 00
do	Cash paid for use of two hundred dollars for 6 months	6 00
do	Rev. H. K. Baines, for traveling expenses in visiting Williams County Mission,	10 00
		1783 37
Deduct amounts received		1570 33
Balance due the Treasurer,		213 04

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. BAUGHMAN,
Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions.

May 19th, 1859.

3. Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee begs leave to present the following report:

From the documents placed in our hands, we ascertain, that there have been sixteen missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions; five of these have been received during the synodical year, the rest have been continued from former years. Five of these missions have been discontinued by the Board; some for want of success,

whilst others have become self-supporting charges. The work of missions is increasing from year to year, and a number of fields could be taken up, if we only had men to go, and means to send them.

From the Treasurer's Report, we learn, that more moneys have been received during the last year, than during any previous year.

But, as cheering as this may be, it is nevertheless far below what it should be. The funds received, did not suffice to pay the amounts appropriated to the different missionaries, and the Board is now in debt to the Treasurer, the sum of $213 04. This should stir up the whole Church, to enter upon this glorious work, with more zeal and energy than ever before.

Taking into consideration the work assigned us as a Church, throughout the entire land, your Committee would suggest the following resolutions to be adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That every Classis of this Synod be earnestly requested to use every means to awaken a missionary spirit among our people, and to get their prayers and their means for this noble work.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions make it their rule to accept no application for aid from any congregation or congregations, unless such congregation or congregations have pledged themselves to such an amount of salary toward their missionary, as will be satisfactory to the Board.

Resolved, That the attention of the Board be called to such important places in the West, as Iowa City, St. Joseph and similar places, and secure suitable persons for these important points.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted, in connection with the above:

WHEREAS, the great cause of Domestic missions, is of primary importance, in our Church, and, whereas intelligence, from our various missionaries, as direct, and consequently, as reliable as possible, should be brought before our people constantly; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions, be earnestly requested to furnish the Editors of our church papers, for publication, all such information contained in the quarterly reports of the missionaries, as, in their judgment, may be of general interest.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The following Report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer, in account with Synod of Ohio and adjacent States,

1858.		DR.
May 20,	To Balance in the Treasury.....	$2 00
" 24	" St. Joseph Classis appor'ment of Synod for 1855 in full	5 00
" " "	" " " 1857 in part	3 50
" "	" Miami Classis, permanent apportionment for " in full	5 50
" 26,	" Sandusky Classis " " " "	12 50
June 21,	" Illinois " " " " "	7 50
" " "	" " apportionment of Synod for " "	8 00
July 17,	" Indiana " " " " "	16 00
Sept. 29,	" Tiffin " per. " for " "	22 50
Oct. 30,	" St. John's " " " " 1855 "	22 50
" " "	" " " of Synod for 1858 in part	37 50
" "	" Lancaster " " " " in full..	20 00
" " "	" " per. " for " "	19 50
Nov. 9,	" Miami " " of Synod for " "	45 00
" " "	" " per. " for " in part	12 50
Dec. 24,	" Sandusky " " of Shelby Charge for 1857 and 1858, per Rev. H. Hess.....	4 00
1859		
March 8,	" Miami Classis, per. apportionment for 1858 in part....	18 00
" 12,	" Sandusky " " " " in full.....	11 50
" " "	" " " of Synod for 1858 in full...	20 00
April 19,	" Illinois " " " " "	6 00
" " "	" " per. " for " "	5 00
May 2,	" Westmoreland Classis " of Synod for " "	25 00
" 4,	" Sheboygan " " " " "	6 00
" 7,	" " " per " for " "	6 00
" 21,	" Miami " " " " " "	7 00
" "	" Westmoreland " " " 1859 "	18 00
		$366 00

1858.		CR.
May 24,	By Cash paid on Library debt, to Rev. M. Keiffer.....	$4 50
" 27,	" " on N. of F. Swander, per Rev. I. S. Weiss	20 00
June 24,	" " " " " " "	29 00
July 22,	" " " " " " " in full, of principal and interest.....	14 48
Oct. 15,	" " Rev. G. W. Williard, on account, &c., in part	15 00
" 31,	" " " " " in full	39 00
Nov. 9,	" " T. Schaeffer, on amount borrowed from Theo. Seminary, by Synod, in full.....	50 00
" " "	" T. Schaeffer for use of T. S. on Sy's appt. '58	67 50
	Carried forward.....	$230 48

	Brought over, ...	$060 00
1859.		
March 15, "	" " " " " " "	49 50
April 25, "	" " " " " " "	15 00
May 2, "	" " " " " " "	25 00
" 9, "	" " " " " " "	12 00
" 18, "	" Stationery, postage, &c.....	1 50
" 21, "	" For Freight on Minutes of Eastern Synod, per Rev. H. K. Baines.....	1 75
" " "	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, as Delegate to E. Synod, 1858	10 00
" " "	" Balance in Treasury.....	20 77
		$366 00

It will be seen from the foregoing account, that the total amount received from the several Classes, including the balance of the last annual settlement, is $366 00, of which there has been expended, $345 23, leaving a balance of $20 77 in the Treasury.

The amount of the principal and interest of Mr. Fred. Swander's note, as well as the amount borrowed from the Theological Seminary, by Synod, to defray the expenses incurred by the removal of our institutions from Tarlton to Tiffin, was settled in full, during the last synodical year. There were, also, $169 00 paid to the Theological Seminary, on Synod's apportionment of last year, leaving still a balance of $46 00 unpaid.

It may be stated, as an encouraging fact, that our financial affairs are improving, and that the Treasury of Synod is in a comparatively prosperous condition. The greatest embarrassment and hinderance to true prosperity arise from the continued delinquency of some of the Classes. Had all the Classes punctually paid their dues, the whole amount of Synod's indebtedness, up to this date, could have been liquidated, and a balance of $133 00 be in the Treasury.

There is still a balance of $8 50 due from St. Joseph Classis, on Synod's apportionment for 1857. And on Synod's apportionment for 1858, there is yet due, and owing, from the Classis of

St. John's - - - -	$2 50
Tiffin - - - -	37 00
St. Joseph - - - -	10 00
Indiana - - - -	6 00
	$55 50

On the permanent apportionment, established by Synod, in 1850, at the rate of $1 50 to each minister, there remains unpaid from the Classis of

Indiana, for 1856, - - -	$8 50
" " 1857, - - -	10 50
" " 1858, - - -	10 50
St. Joseph, for 1857, - - -	12 00
" " 1858, - - -	16 50
Tiffin, for 1858, - - -	34 50
St. John's, for 1858, - - -	22 50
	$115 00

The immediate payment of all these delinquencies can not be too strongly urged by Synod, and, if possible, adopt measures to prevent similar evils in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
I. H. REITER,
MIAMISBURG, O., May, 21, 1859. *Treasurer of Synod.*

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Finance respectfully report as follows:

That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, (the only document placed in their hands), and find that the amount paid into the Treasury of Synod, during the year, was $366 00, and that the amount paid out was $345 23, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, of $20 77. There is still due the Treasury, the sum of $179 00, as follows: Tiffin Classis, $71 50, St. Joseph Classis, $47 00, Indiana Classis, $35 50, and St. John's Classis, $25 00.

Synod is yet indebted to the Theological Seminary, on apportionment of last year, a balance of $46.

Your Committee very much regret, that a few Classes have failed to meet their entire obligations to Synod. Had this been done, we could have commenced the present synodical year with untrammeled hands. Your Committee would, therefore, offer the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That all the delinquent Classes be hereby urgently and earnestly requested to meet their indebtedness to Synod immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
J. SCHLOSSER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on nominations presented their Report, according to the requirements of the standing rules of Synod. The Report was received and adopted, and the following persons elected. The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary was elected on the first day of the session of Synod, according to the requirements of the charter.

1. *Delegate to Eastern Synod.*

Rev. H. K. Baines, *primarius*, and Rev. H. Williard, *secundus*.

2. *Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. D. Winters, Geo. W. Williard, and P. C. Prugh; Jos. H. Dryden, T. Schaeffer, G. G. Prugh, and A. H. Baughman.

3. *Board of Missions.*

Revs. P. C. Prugh, H. K. Baines, I. H. Reiter, Geo. W. Williard, T. H. Winters, D. Winters, H. Rust, J. Vogt, and G. F. Mechling; B. C. Taylor, A. H. Baughman, J. Haller, D. Rader, P. Cost, and D. H. Prugh.

4. *Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.*

L. Baltzel, W. Barrick, J. Poorman, T. Swander, and L. Shriver.

5. *Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. E. E. Higbee, J. Heller, E. Keller, R. Good, and J. H. Good.

6. *Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College.*

Revs. Geo. W. Williard, E. Keller, J. Heller, and M. Stern; and Elder H. Leonard.

7. *Board (English) of Publication.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, P. C. Prugh, H. K. Baines, T. H. Winters and D. Winters.

8. *Board (German) of Publication.*

Revs. J. H. Kline, H. Rust and J. J. Escher.

ARTICLE XVII.

PUBLICATION.

1. The Board (English) of Publication presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Board of Publication hereby submit their annual report:

During the past year, the Board had three meetings for the transaction of business, but as nothing of very special importance claimed our attention, we shall necessarily be brief in our report.

On the 17th of December, 1858, the Board took into consideration the further improvement of the Western Missionary in its typography and variety of reading matter. The use of new type and a new heading was recommended, and carried into effect in January, 1859, to the general satisfaction of the Church.

As intimated in our last report, in consequence of the increased labors of the Editor, the services of Mr. John I. Swander was secured as an assistant in his whole field of labor, in order to enable him to bestow more time and attention to the editorial department of the Missionary. About the 1st of April, this new arrangement went into effect, and is working beneficially and satisfactorily.

Since the last meeting of Synod, the subscription list has increased about two hundred, making the whole number of subscribers now, nearly twenty-six hundred. This number, no doubt, by proper efforts throughout the Church, could, and should, be considerably increased. All should feel interested in this matter, and lend a helping hand in giving a more extensive circulation to the Missionary, and in promoting its usefulness and influence. For further particulars, and for a financial exhibit, the Synod is referred to the last two annual reports of the Board.

By order of the Board,

I. H. REITER,

Secretary of the Board.

2. The Board (German) of Publication presented the following report, which was received, adopted and referred to the Committee on Publication:

The German Board of Publication beg leave to offer the following report:

The Evangelist was published under the supervision of your Board by the Rev. H. J. Rutenik, who was elected Editor at the meeting of Synod last year, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Your Board feels justified in saying that the paper has done a good work among the German membership of our Church; it has greatly assisted in awakening a missionary spirit, and has been instructive and edifying to many of its readers; it has helped to promote vital piety in the family, and in general been a help to the German Pastors in their work. But on the other hand, your Board must sincerely regret, that several articles have been published which must evidently injure the Church, whose organ it professes to be. They have had a tendency greatly to weaken the confidence of Synod in its editorial management; they have excited suspicion in the minds of the readers, that the paper does not fully reflect the spirit of the Church whose organ it is, and hence, we deeply deplore the appearance of those articles in the columns of the paper.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Publication presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted:

1. The committee is well pleased with the progress made by the Western Missionary. We believe that it is accomplishing a great and good work. It bears upon its pages every two weeks interesting and instructive matter to many families, who are made glad by its reception. In regard to its appearance, its typographical character, regularity and contents, we are well pleased. In view of the association of an assistant to the editor of the paper, its increasing circulation, and popularity, we would recommend that every minister use proper efforts in its support; so that it might at an early period become a weekly.

2. In regard to the Evangelist, the report of the committee was amended by the substitution of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Rev. J. B. Kniest be elected as the Editor of the Evangelist from this date onward, until Synod see fit to elect another.

3. Your committee is much pleased with the "Pastor's Helper," issued by the commissioners appointed for this purpose at the last meeting of Synod. Its appearance, its contents and its style, deserve praise.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That the paper be heartily recommended to the confidence and support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. McCAUGHEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

The agent of Heidelberg College, H. Leonard, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your agent for Heidelberg College would beg leave to submit the following report:

Since my last annual report, at the Synod, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, I again have the pleasure to announce, that through the hearty cooperation of the ministers and members of our Church, and the blessing of God, I have succeeded well.

It will be seen by the annexed statement, that I have obtained for endowment fund, *Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy five Dollars*, during the year, besides the amount contributed for building fund, and immediate use.

I traveled during the year, *four thousand, five hundred, and twenty-five miles.*

H. LEONARD, AGENT HEIDELBERG COLLEGE, DR.

To amount of Notes due Heidelberg College, and building funds on hand, to May 20, 1858, (see minutes of Synod, 1858),	$389 63	
" total amount of donations received for building fund, from May 20, 1858, to May 17, 1859,	277 00	
" total amount of *crumbs* from May 20, 1858, to May 17, 1859,	111 22	
		$777 85

TRAVELING EXPENSES.

By trip No. 10, June, 1858,	$10 00	
" " No. 11, July, "	21 36	
" " No. 12, August, "	20 10	
" " No. 13, September and October, 1858,	10 71	
" " No. 14, November, 1858,	15 69	
" " No. 15, December, "	11 50	
" " No. 16, January, 1859	12 75	
" " No. 17, February, "	10 10	
" " No. 18, " "	6 90	
" " No. 19, April, "	11 20	
	$130 31	
1858.		
Nov. 27, paid to J. H. Riley & Co.,	23 46	
1859.		
Jan. 17, do do do	13 00	
Remittance to Treasurer,	50 00	
Agent's receipt to Treasurer,	50 00	
Notes for building fund handed over,	150 00	$416 77
Building fund notes in the hands of the Agent		$361 08
For Endowment Fund		$9975 00

H. LEONARD,
Agent for Heidelberg College.

The Committee on Heidelberg College presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Heidelberg College reported as follows:

The Board of Trustees failed to submit a report, and the Board of Visitors also neglected to give Synod any statement of the present condition of the College. The only facts before the committee, from which to make up our report were those given in the verbal statements of Professor Kieffer and the report of the agent, Mr. Leonard.

From his last report, it appears that the agent has met with good success during the past year; having obtained subscriptions to the endowment fund of nearly *ten thousand dollars*, and for the building fund, a fraction less than four hundred dollars. There are no other documents in the hands of the committee showing anything in regard to the amount of permanent endowment now secured; or, of the debt still due on the College building. Neither do we know how the contingent treasury stands, nor what is the state of the accounts of the Professor's salary. With these indefinite uncertainties, it is impossible for your committee to offer any very satisfactory recommendations in favor of the suggestions made by Professor Kieffer. That the present plan of the College courses is unsatisfactory, and therefore ought to be remodeled, is plain to all. But just how exactly to remedy the evils complained of, is not so apparent.

It is highly important that this Synod's pecuniary strength, which is proposed to be gathered by the College agent into an endowment fund, be so appropriated and husbanded, that the Church should be certain in the end to reap therefrom, the greatest attainable good. It should be used only in behalf of a well regulated first class College. The wants of the Church now, and in the future, demand an institution of the first order.

To accomplish this desirable end, there are several things of importance to be considered.

1. The College course of study should be naught inferior to the best regular institutions of the kind.

2. A good Preparatory Department, and also Classical High Schools ought to be established, as auxiliaries to the higher department of the College proper.

3. The Faculty ought to be full and efficient, embracing at least, a President, and a separate chair for Ethics, Languages, Mathematics, Natural Science, Belles Letters—aided by a good corps of Tutors or Adjunct Professors. Therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Trustees be respectfully called to the above considerations.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

The following resolutions were adopted in connection with the above:

Whereas, special attention ought to be paid to the German language and literature in our College; and, Whereas, this under exist-

ing circumstances could not thus far be done but imperfectly, to the manifest dissatisfaction of our German membership generally, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College be instructed to elect as soon as possible, a man thoroughly qualified to occupy so important and responsible a post.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College be instructed to abolish the Female Department as soon as it can be done without detriment to the institution.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary presented the following reports, which were received and adopted:

1. Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States:

The Board of Education beg leave to submit the following report:

During the Synodical year now closing, there have been thirteen students on the Board, either wholly supported by it, or only in part. The amount paid them, and all the monetary transactions of the Board, may be ascertained from the enclosed report of the Treasurer. We are glad to state, that the beneficiary students have made encouraging progress in their studies, and we trust, God assisting, that they will be of much service eventually to our Church.

The Board would respectfully request Synod to give the Treasurer of the Board power to use the money heretofore reported as "permanent fund," in the same way as other funds collected; inasmuch as the will under which the money was received does not, as hitherto supposed, anticipate or demand its being thus set apart.

The Board would submit to Synod the enclosed recommendation of Theological Students for licensure, and also join in their recommendation. Praying that God may give a more liberal heart to the Church, as regards the good and vastly important interests of Beneficiary Education, we subscribe ourselves,

Yours in Christ,
E. E. HIGBEE,
R. GOOD,
J. J. ESCHER.

The Board presented the following recommendation of the gentlemen herein named, from the Theological Professor to the Synod, which was received and referred to the Committee on Examination, &c.:

To the Board of Education of the Theological Seminary:

I take pleasure in recommending the following Theological students for licensure: John I. Swander, Peter Greding, Henry E. C. Schutte and Nathaniel Rutenik. The first two named have passed

through the entire course of study in the Seminary; the last two named have not passed through the entire course; but circumstances oblige them to apply for licensure at this time. As they are faithful and energetic students I deem it expedient to give them the usual recommendation. M. KIEFFER.

2. The Treasurer's Report.

R. Good, Treasurer; In account with the Board of Education, of German Reformed Church, Synod of Ohio and adjacent States,

1858.			DR.
May	17,	To balance in the Treasury	$14 62
	25,	" cash from Miss Klas, per Rev. E. Keller	4 35
	"	" " Rev. Becker, Zion's Church	1 25
	"	" " " W. Wasnich, col. Rushcreek	5 00
	"	" " " Gachenhimer	2 00
	"	" " " G. W. Williard, col. Mt. Carmel	4 33
	"	" " " J. H. Good, col. 2nd G. R. C. Tiffin,	3 25
June	5,	" " Elder Briner, Seymour, Ind.,	5 00
	13,	" " Rev. J. J. Excell	50
	22,	" " " D. Winters	15 00
	"	" " " J. J. Escher, col. Rome Congregation	2 00
	23,	" " " J. W. Hamm	1 00
	"	" " " J. C. Klar, col.	4 00
July	15,	" " " J. J. Escher	14 00
	"	" " " D. H. Reiter, col. St. Paul	1 38
	22,	" " " Eli Keller, col. Bucyrus	4 50
		" " " J. H. Kline, col. Ft. Wayne	3 00
		" " " P. Joerris, col. Upper Sandusky	1 00
	26,	" " " H. A. Muehlmeier, Sheboygan, Wis.,	5 00
Aug.	21,	" " " D. H. Reiter, col. Lima Charge	4 61
	23,	" " " R. P. Thomas, col. Salem	5 00
	"	" " " J. J. Excell, col.	5 00
		" " " J. Mechling	25
Sept.	13,	" " " Eli Keller, col. Bucyrus $3, Wingert Corner $1 40, Baseline $5, Brokensword, $2 41	11 81
		" " " R. P. Thomas, col.	6 00
		" " " C. H. Reiter, col. Carrolton Charge	14 00
		" " Mr. Ernst, Minnaken	1 00
		" " Rev. J. H. Good, col. Jacob cong.	2 56
Oct.	5.	" " " J. J. Escher	8 00
		" " " R. Good, col. Zion's Church	7 00
	19,	" " " D. Kemmerer, Treasurer St. Joseph Classis	80 00
	22,	" " " P. Roser, St. Peter's ch. N. Bremen	9 00
		" " " P. Tendick, Winfall	3 50
		" " " J. B. Kniest, Sandusky City	5 21
		" " " C. Bank, Napoleon, O.,	5 65
		" " " J. H. Good, 2nd G. Ref. Ch. Tiffin,	13 10
		" " " J. J. Escher	8 00
		" " " John Rule, Basil, O.,	9 00
	26,	" " " J. J. Escher	13 00
		Carried forward,	$302 85

		Brought over,		$302 85
Oct.	26.	To cash from Mr. J. Stepler		50
	"	" Rev. H. J. Rutenick		50
Nov.	1, "	" " I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg Charge		8 00
	"	" " Eli Keller, Baseline Church		3 25
	18, "	Interest from permanent fund		10 00
	26, "	cash from Elder Angene		1 58
Oct.	6, "	" a church member, Allen county		1 00
	"	" Rev. J. Knea, col		1 00
Dec.	6, "	" Elder Jacob Kuhn, of Shelby, O.		5 00
	11, "	" Rev. R. Good, Zion's Church		2 75
	29, "	" a friend in Cincinnati, O.		3 00
1859.				
Jan.	4, "	" Jacob Scheldknecht, Cin. O.		5 00
	"	" Rev. J. J. Escher, pledge at Classis		16 00
	"	" " Eli Keller, Bucyrus		2 53
	"	" " R. Good, col. Zion's Church		2 00
	7, "	" per J. G. Rule, from H. Shaff, of Waldo		1 00
	"	" " " col. St. Jacob's cong.		1 20
	10, "	" Rev. D. Kemmerer, New Year's gift, from Canaan's cong		10 00
	" "	" " John Klein, col. Ft. Wayne		6 00
	17, "	" " D. Winters, Mt. Zion's Charge		10 00
	19, "	" " D. Kemmerer		50
	24, "	" " W. Washnich, col. at Pulaski		3 00
	"	" Catherine Greiger		1 00
Feb.	3, "	" Rev. P. Tendick, col		7 15
	"	" " P. Vitz, col		3 00
	18, "	" " Wm. McCaughey, col		7 00
	"	" Anheim cong. Brown county, Ind.		1 40
	"	" Rev. E. Keller, per Rev. J. J. Escher		2 55
March	5, "	" P. Wengert, Paris, O.		1 00
	"	" per Evangelist, from unknown friend		5 00
	7, "	" Rev. J. J. Escher		16 00
	11, "	" Charles Helwig, per Rev. H. Rust		7 00
	"	" Rev. E. E. Higbee, col. 1st G. R. C. Tiffin		10 00
	16, "	" Interest from permanent fund		6 00
April	11, "	" Ladies' Benevolent Soc. 1st G. R. C. Cin.		10 00
	19, "	" Rev. E. E. Higbee, col. 1st G. R. C. Tiffin		15 00
	"	" " Dr. Kieffer, col. Ft. Seneca		17 00
	"	" Elder P. Bender, Finley, O.		1 05
May	6, "	" Rev. M. G I. Stern, Indianapolis, Ind.		14 00
	9, "	" " Eli Keller, col		20 34
	16, "	" " S. B. Leiter, col.		10 00
	" "	" " D. W. Kelley, Thompson Charge		12 00
March	12, "	amount borrowed from Rev. J. B. Kniest		70 00
	" "	" " " permanent fund		70 00
May	18, "	received from John Vogt		7 00
				$710 17

May 19, 1859,	By amount paid Beneficiary Students,	$650 00	
	" interest " on $30	60	
	" exchange	40	
	" postage	2 91	
	" amount in the treasury	56 26	—$710 17

The amount of the Permanent Fund is $325, from which $70 have been borrowed, as stated above.

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

The committee to which the above reports were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Education have carefully examined the reports of the Treasurer and of the Board.

From the report of the Treasurer, it appears that the sum of $640.17 has been received during the year for educational purposes. In addition to this, $70.00 have been borrowed from the permanent fund.

During the same time $653.91 have been expended, leaving a balance of $56.26 in the hands of the Treasurer.

From the Report of the Board of Education your committee gather the encouraging and cheering intelligence, that a large number of young men have received more aid from the Board than during any previous year. Yet, encourgaging as this may seem, more might have been done, and a still greater number of pious young men might have been obtained, if the Churches generally had but furnished the means necessary to sustain them.

In view of the fact, that comparatively few young men, who have a sufficient amount of means at command are willing to devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry, more should be done for the cause of beneficiary education. The experience of the past teaches us, that the pressing wants of the Church can only be met by an increased diligence on the part of the ministry and laity of the Church, to induce pious young men to devote themselves to the Gospel Ministry, and renewed efforts to raise the necessary means to sustain them.

In view of these facts, your committee would offer for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Ministers within the bounds of this Synod be requested to take up, at least, one collection in each one of their congregations during the present year, for educational purposes.

Resolved, That all the Ministers within the bounds of this Synod be requested to preach at least one sermon in each one of their congregations, on the subject of the Gospel Ministry, to induce pious young men to enter upon a course of study in our institutions, at Tiffin, with a view thereto.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be instructed to keep intact the endowment fund under its care.

In view of the fact, that many of our Beneficiary Students have been taking a very short and irregular course, your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary exercise great caution in taking students under its care, by giving pre-

ference and encouragement to such young men as are willing to take a full and regular course of instruction in our institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS H. WINTERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish two thousand copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, and that the Treasurer of Synod pay for the same at the rate of ten cents per copy.

To carry out this resolution, a committee consisting of Revs. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter and Geo. B. Russell was appointed to distribute the above number among the several Classes, and the amount to be paid into the Treasury of Synod by each Classis. This committee presented the following report through its Chairman, Rev. D. Winters, which was received and adopted:

Miami Classis, 500 copies, $50; Lancaster Classis, 250 copies, $25; Westmoreland Classis, 250 copies, $25; Sandusky Classis, 250 copies, $25; Tiffin Classis, 200 copies, $20; St. John's Classis, 200 copies, $20; St. Joseph Classis, 50 copies $5; Illinois Classis, 30 copies, $3; Indiana Classis, 20 copies, $2; Sheboygan Classis, 10 copies, $1; 240 to be distributed in Eastern Synod, and paid for out of Synod Treasury, according to standing rule.

Resolved, That St. John's Classis be permitted to publish the Minutes of Synod in the German language, according to their request.

Delegate from the East.

The Rev. Geo. Wolff, delegate from the Eastern Synod took his leave by giving assurance in appropriate remarks, of the deep and lively interest which he individually, as well as the body he represented, feels in the Church West. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who requested him to carry our best wishes and prayers back to the Eastern Synod, and assure his and our brethren that we have an equal interest in their success and prosperity.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for $1.75 in favor of Rev. H. K. Baines, being the amount paid as express charges for the transportation of the Minutes of Eastern Synod.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod returns its sincere thanks to the German Reformed Congregation and citizens of Fairfield and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable eptertainment extended to us during our stay in their midst, and that the *Pastor loci* be requested to publish the same from the pulpit.

The Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Rail Road, and also the Sandusky, Dayton and Cincinnati Rail Road Company, having granted the privilege, to those members of Synod, who paid full fare in coming thereto, of a free pass back, the thanks of Synod were returned to said companies for this favor.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Akron, Summit County, Ohio, having been selected as the place for our next annual meeting, and the last Wednesday in May, 1860, in the evening, at 8 o'clock, as the time, it was on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The Minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called all the members were found present, except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

JEREMIAH HELLER, *President*,

GEORGE W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

The above is an official copy from the original Minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

	MINISTERS.	No. of Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES	Members not yet Confirmed.	Members Confirmed.	Members Communed.	Baptized.	Received by Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributed for Benevolences.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1.	D. Winters	4	Mount Zion	.....	446	440	59	76	10	7	....	4	$60 75	Dayton
2.	T. H. Winters	1	Cæsar's Creek	.....	125	120	26	44	4	6	2	1	.....	Xenia
	" " "	2	Highland	.....	250	245	46	80	16	....	5	2	46 00	.....
3.	P. C. Prugh	2	Xenia	113	213	189	33	27	26	1	2	2	169 00	Xenia
4.	H. K. Baines	3	Fairfield	2	228	228	20	40	....	18	4	2	124 82	Fairfield
5.	G. W. Williard	2	Dayton, First Church	130	180	100	22	35	19	2	....	3	225 28	Dayton
6.	H. Rust	1	Cincinnati, First Church	193	305	295	53	12	25	7	4	1	180 88	Cincinnati
7.	J. Vogt	3	New Madison	.....	132	112	22	18	14	....	2	3	4 50	New Madison
8.	I. H. Reiter	3	Miamisburg	170	232	210	32	15	7	6	5	2	151 0[illegible]	Miamisburg
9.	S. Mease	1	Cincinnati, Second Church	20	31	28	5	3	2	1	1	1	.....	Cincinnati
10.	G. Z. Mechling	4	Seven Mile	.....	129	125	13	32	10	5	6	2	43 25	Seven Mile
11.	J. Richards	6	Union	.....	.....	300	82	103	2	3	20	5	82 10	St. Paris
12.	A. Wanner	4	Germantown	.....	210	150	14	1	1	2	9	1	40 00	Chambersburg, Pa
13.	A. C. Kendig	3	West Alexandria	66	261	233	69	104	15	3	3	2	20 00	West Alexandria
14.	C. Saure	1	Cincinnati, Third Church	115	194	211	57	7	74	....	24	1	52 13	Cincinnati
15.	J. M. Lefever	3	Darke County Charge	.....	.....	49	4	8	....	1	3	2	32 00	Carrolton, O
16.	E. F. Loeders	1	Dayton, Second Church	.....	83	80	31	...	49	....	1	1	36 60	Dayton
17.	J. Weaver	4	Mount Salem	.....	.....	162	10	5	2	6	5	3	18 00	Pratt, Shelby County
18.	J. A. Leis	1	.....	.....	.....	53	15	9	4	3	12	1	.....	Miamisburg
19.	J. McConnell	4	Anna, Illinois, Union County	89	83	83	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Anna, Union County, Ill.
20.	L. Rike, without charge	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	West Alexandria
21.	J. Ponce	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Tremont
22.	J. Stoneberger	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Germantown
23.	S. K. Denius	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	Lacon, Marshall co., Ill.
24.	J. Kercher	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
25.	J. Dahlman	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong.	NAMES.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Com'cants.	Deaths.	Dismiss	S. Schools.	Contrib.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. G. Weisz,.....	.	Superannuated.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	.....	Lancaster, Ohio.....
2. I. S. Weisz,...	4	Salem's, David's, &c.....	250	31	23	215	12	19	2	$ 64,00	Lithopolis, Fairfield County, Ohio...
3. H. Williard,...	2	Columbus, &c.....	56	19	10	53	..	5	2	20,00	Columbus, Ohio..... ..
4. P. D. Schory,..	1	Lancaster.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	.....	Lancaster, Ohio.....
5. J. H. Buser,...	4	Kinnickkinnick.....	160	26	22	160	1	6	4	20,00	Oskaloosa, Iowa.....
6. J. Ruhl,.....	2	Basil, &c....	110	6	10	110	1	4	2	113,00	Basil, Fairfield County, Ohio.....
7. J. B. Thompson	2	Delaware, &c.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	. ..	Delaware, Ohio.....
8. H. King,.....	3	Union Charge.....	152	25	..	...	3	..	3	.....	Baltimore, Fairfield County, Ohio....
9. J. C. Henneman	7	No Report.....	610	60	29	539	12	..	2	6,21	Piketon, Pike County, Ohio.....
10. S. S. Rickly,..	.	Without Charge.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	.....	Columbus, Ohio.....
11. C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset Charge.....	200	8	1	170	6	4	2	77,00	Somerset, Ohio.....
12. J. C. Klar,....	4	Tarlton, &c.....	...	23	..	108	13	..	1	50,00	Stoutsville, Ohio.....
13. N. H. Loose,...	4	Sugar Grove.....	80	1	..	...	2	2	3	.....	Sugar Grove.....

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Congregations or Charges.	Baptized Mem.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Cer'ate.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Contributed for Benevolent purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
N. P. Hacke.....	6	Greensburg, (German.)....	...	670	670	81	40	..	4	21	3	$ 40 00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania....
H. E. F. Voigt,.....	8	Mount Pleasant..... ...	...	367	367	47	10	..	..	8	7	18 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania...
Wm. Conrad,.....	4	Berlin.....	...	297	250	16	21	6	4	6	3	30 62	Jenner Cross Roads, Pa.....
G. B. Russell,.....	1	Grace Church.....	56	74	74	12	10	12	7	1	2	185 00	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.....
L. H. Keafauver,....	4	Greensburg, (English).....	214	113	102	12	10	3	..	2	2	61 00	Greensburg, Pennsylvania.....
F. K. Levan,.....	6	Somerset.....	...	380	358	30	40	8	3	6	3	15 00	Somerset, Pennsylvania.....
R. P. Thomas,.....	2	Salem.....	200	204	198	21	23	8	..	0	1	30 00	Salem Cross Roads, Pa.....
A. B. Koplin,.....	5	Shade.....	161	192	172	15	22	..	..	8	2	30 00	Elk Lick, Pennsylvania.....
Benjamin Knepper,.	7	Wellersburg.....	...	206	139	55	27	2	..	2	4	45 00	Wellersburg Pennsylvania....
G. A. Fickes,.....	4	Grantsville	90	151	109	17	18	..	3	4	3	10 00	Fremont, Ohio.....
Wm. Weinel,.....	2	Superannuated	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	.. ..	Leechburg, Pennsylvania.....
J. J. Roemer,.....	4	German Mission.....	66	104	104	7	..	..	..	..	1	.. ..	Rochester, Pennsylvania.....
Vacant.....	.	Beams' Charge.....	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	.. ..	.....

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congreg.	Names of Charges.	Members	Com.	Baptisms	Confirm.	R. by Let	Dismiss	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch's.	Ben. Collections.	Number of Min.	Post Office Addresses.
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas	166	166	18	..	..	..	..	..	4	$27 00	40	Navarre, Stark co., Ohio
Wm. McCaughey,	4	Navarre	189	186	21	7	4	1	..	1	4	31 54	40	" " " "
Jesse Hines,	6	Savannah	115	110	10	10	3	2	..	4	4	48 26	20	Nankin, Ashland co., Ohio
P. J. Spangler,	8	Fulton	350	...	35	82	3	12	1	4	4	60 00	40	Summit, Summit co., Ohio
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg	115	80	4	5	..	1	..	..	2	40 00	45	Reedsburg, Wayne co., Ohio.
C. H. Reiter,	4	Carrolton	155	112	6	9	..	1	..	4	2	30 00	40	Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio.
C. Zwisler,	2	Congress	...	75	21	..	..	..	..	1	..	4 50	15	Canfield, Mahoning co., Ohio.
H. Hess,	.	Shelby	...	...	25	20	..	..	..	12	..	30 00	10	Shelby, Richland co., Ohio
Jesse Schlosser,	.	Akron	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Akron, Summit co., Ohio
L. Follett,	.	Without Charge	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Nankin, Ashland co., Ohio
D. G. Phillips,	.	" "	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Ashland, Ashland co., Ohio
H. Shaull	.	" "	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Leetown, Va.

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations or Charges.	Members.	Communi.	Baptised M.	Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Rec'd Cer.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	S. Schools.	Col. for Ben. purposes.	Post Office Addresses.
H. A. Muhlmeier,	Emanuel,	135	135	270	16	3	21	3	15	1	$15	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
J. T. Kluge,	Zion,	75	65	...	9	6	7	.	2	1	8	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
H. A. Winter,	Ebenezer,	108	99	212	11	.	7	4	..	2	6	Lowell, Dodge co.,
J. Bassard,	Saron,	41	28	65	2	.	5	.	..	1	..	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
J. J. Brecht,		...	..	100	5	.	.	1	..	1	..	Ashford, Fon du Lac co., Wisconsin.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. of Con.	Congregations or Charges.	Mem. Baptised.	Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Parochial School	Minutes of Synod. English.	Minutes of Synod. German.	Post Office Addresses.
G. H. Zumpe	3	Zion's, etc	140	134	25		184	16	1		1	25	Poland, Clay Co., Ind
C. Pluss		Lawrenceburg			23	4		7				2	Lawrenceburg, Ind
John Blaetgen	1	Vacant		47	7	8	35	1	1	1			Evansville, Ind
M. G. I. Stern	1	1st G. R. Ch., Indianapolis.		86	12	2	90	5	1	1	4	25	Indianapolis, Ind
August Toensmeier	1	1st G. R. Ch., Louisville		80	30	10	80	3	1	1	45	6	Louisville, Ky
C. Scheel	2	Emanuel and Salem		76	10		32		1	1		10	Vernon, Jennings Co., Ind
F. W. Steffens	2	Vacant		64	22		50	7	1	1	2	10	Terra Haute, Ind.
J. D. Colliflower	3	No Report											Boundary City, Jay Co., Ind
George Weber		No Report											Dayton, Ind

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. Con.	Names of Charges.	Mem.	Baptised.	Confirm.	Commu.	Deaths.	Dismiss.	Rec'd by Cer'cate.	S. S.	Ben'lent Collections.	Post Office Address.
T. P. Decker	.	Vacant	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	.	$ ...	Freeport, Illinois
D. Kroh	3	Cedarville	100	5	2	100	..	..	12	1	500	Cedarville, Illinois
J. Hoyman	4	Orangeville	218	52	88	218	6	..	24	4	11 00	Orangeville, Illinois
F. C. Bauman	3	Harmony	63	14	6	63	..	4	4	1	.....	Rockdale, Iowa
H. Knepper	.	Vacant	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	.	.....	Ogle Station, Indiana
H. S. Bassler	5	Fouston	145	12	..	142	2	..	..	5	8 00	Fouston, Illinois
H. Bentz	1	Warsaw	82	25	12	82	..	..	..	1	.....	Keokuk, Illinois

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Collected for Benevolent Purposes	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
J. W. Hamm	7	Manchester	...	520	73	39	24	5	$51 00	Nimisilla, Summit county, Ohio.
D. Kemmerer	5	Wooster Charge	...	409	98	36	16	2	232 57	Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio.
P. Herbruck	6	Canton Charge	...	797	136	59	40	4	88 61	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.
J. G. Zahner	5	Shanesville Charge	...	390	63	52	35	6	86 61	Ragersville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio.
R. Koehler	2	Mt. Eton Charge	...	200	20	..	3	.	8 91	Mt. Eton, Wayne county, Ohio.
G. Ziegler	7	St. Peter's Charge	...	537	44	31	23	6	38 20	North Georgetown, Columbiana co., Ohio.
G. Rettig	5	N. Bedford	...	280	72	53	23	.	19 50	New Bedford, Coshocton county, Ohio.
J. Ackeret	2	Mt. Eton Charge	...	...	..	..	..	.	8 00	Mt. Eton, Wayne county, Ohio.
J. B. Ruhl	5	Canfield Charge	...	325	44	27	21	2	33 10	Canfield, Mahoning county, Ohio.
E. H. T. Woehler	3	.....	...	160	9	..	..	.	10 00	Albian, Ashland county, Ohio.
J. D. Gackenheimer	4	St. Paul's Charge	...	170	15	..	4	1	.. ..	Wiltshire, Van Wert county, Ohio.
J. F. Engelbach	3	Akron Charge	...	110	25	.	7	1	16 50	Akron, Summit county, Ohio.
Vacant	3	Calcutta Charge	...	128	22	7	..	.	10 00	.....
F. Wahl	4	Springfield Charge	...	223	15	20	..	.	23 60	Poland, Mahoning county, Ohio.
S. N. King	3	N. Lisbon Charge	150	126	15	12	3	2	21 75	New Lisbon, Columbiana county, Ohio.
P. Becker	6	St. Peter's Charge	...	184	36	4	4	3	28 36	Columbiana, Whitley county, Ind.
C. Fehr	2	Youngstown Charge	...	...	..	..	..	.	.. ..	Youngstown, Mahoning county, Ohio.
S. Seibert	3	St. Peter's	...	179	24	11	7	.	2 20	Canton, Stark county, Ohio.
J. Rettig	3	New Philadelphia	...	...	..	..	..	.	.. ..	New Philadelphia, Ohio.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

	No. of Min.	No. of Con.	Mem.	B. M.	Bap.	Conf	Letter.	Com.	Dis.	Ex.	Deaths.	S. S.	Ben. Con.
Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States	143	385	14450	2379	2911	1927	574	17209	188	6	643	179	3714.30
Eastern Synod	241	656	69278	28243	8423	4598	816	57724	308	12	3155	532	
Total of the two Synods	364	1041	83728	30622	11334	6525	1390	74933	496	18	3799	711	

SYNOD OF THE G. R. CHURCH IN THE U. S.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION FOR 1858.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord Jesus Christ:—The revolving year has called us to meet again in annual sessions to record the doing of the Lord in our bounds, in the trials and encouragements of his Church in our midst during another Synodical year. The brethren from all parts of the Church will be looking to us, and asking in the language of the burden of Dumah, "Watchman, what of the night?" To which inquiry, always interesting in a world only partially redeemed from the moral pall which has so long covered it, and in which the rays of divine light are, as yet, so thinly scattered, your Committee, in devout gratitude to the Giver of all mercies, judging from the favorable reports of the different Classes, can respond with cheerful hope in the progress of the Church, that the darkness is giving way, and that the "morning cometh."

The reports placed in the hands of your Committee from the different Classes, very generally present encouraging features. The divinely appointed means for the conversion and instruction of men have not lain as a dead letter, but have been accompanied by the living Spirit. The hearts of the people have been gladly opened to the sounds of the Savior's promises. The seed has fallen in soil watered by spiritual influences, and germinated under the fructifying power of the truth. On every side the people appear to have given ear to God's law and to have inclined their ear to the words of his mouth. For this favorable state of things we cannot but heartily rejoice in the God of our salvation, whose arm hath gotten us the victory. We may sum up the reports as highly favorable under the following points which we have selected as worthy of notice.

1. A spirit of denominational and brotherly unity. No distracting question has marred the peace of Zion, to sever that which God has joined together. Whilst questions have divided portions of the great Christian world, our denomination has remained a unit, free from dissatisfaction with any of our symbolical views, and the tendency now is to closer unity among all the Classes. Whilst this has been the case with us as a denomination, we also notice that the

spirit of brotherly unity among individuals is also mentioned in several Classes to have prevailed to the great encouragement of the people of God, the advancement of pure religion, and the overthrow of the works of Satan. May we all be enabled to rejoice in the continued presence of the angel of charity, whose happy and peaceful countenance, witness of her heavenly origin, can alone cheer the dark paths of a fallen world.

2. Large additions to our membership. In a few Classes there appears to have been no visible outburst of religious feeling, though in all the Classes the brethren are encouraged by the steady advance of Zion; but in many of the Classes there has been an unusual, perhaps unprecedented, increase of membership. One Classis reports an increase of over six hundred in the number of confirmations alone. Another reports that "at no period in its history has there been so large an attendance upon the means of grace." Another reports treble the average number of former years. The number of communicants has been greatly swelled, giving evidence not only of an increase of material drawn into the Church, but also of moulding and edifying influences brought to bear on the people of God, and of the strong desire of many hearts earnestly to seek the face of the Lord in the ordinances of the Church. As a further result of this increase of membership, there has likewise been a gratifying increase in the number of candidates for the ministry. One Classis alone reports the reception of fourteen young men under its care as ministerial candidates. Thus God opens the way for the gradual outgrowth and spread of his Church.

3. A disposition to indoctrinate the membership in the great fundamental truths of the Scriptures and of our Catechism. It is felt, that this is the only way to preserve them from the tide of lax opinion, infidelity, new theories and isms disseminated by an unsanctified desire to bring down all subjects to the most superficial judgment, and to handle them in a spirit of wild and dissipated mental levity, as also to create in them a love for religious truth so necessary to a healthy growth of piety. It is felt that this is particularly necessary at the present time on account of the great increase of human knowledge, and the recklessness of human opinion, which, throwing off all respect for a higher authority, and driving on with spendthrift prodigality, end their vicious and destructive career by at last staggering and finally falling under the blinding and destroying effects of error. There has been consequently a disposition to sanctify the intellect by proper religious instruction from the word of God, as is made evident by the attention given to confirmation and the necessary previous catechetical instruction. Nor has this been done at the sacrifice of personal piety in the least, as it is felt that no experience can be solid which is not based upon truth, and that both head and heart must be sanctified by a current of religious life which is deeper than either.

4. By a greater degree of earnestness in discharging Christian duties. Ministers have been made to hear the sounds of repentance

and mourning for neglected duties and long forgotten vows, and have witnessed many reclamations from a state of ease to the active duties of the Christian life. Oh! that the indifferent might all be stung by the reproof, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" and be led to labor for their salvation with at least as much zeal as they labor for the meat that perisheth.

In giving this favorable report, we do not lose sight of the fact, that there are many shortcomings, and much spiritual land remaining to be possessed, that as ministers we have had labors more abundant and sorrows frequent, and that often the most earnest efforts have been without fruit. Most of our benevolent operations too, have suffered from the financial difficulties of the country, and we find the time to be one which calls upon all the friends of the Church to stand firm in her behalf in the day of her need.

During the year, we have lost several of our aged and prominent fellow-servants of God. Death has also laid away an unusual number among the laity of the Church to rest from their labors and to be followed by their works, when the last trump shall call them again to rise and to go to their God. Of the ministers, Synod will remember the earnest words of counsel and farewell given by one of them, Dr. Hoffeditz, at a previous meeting when he recounted the encouragements of the present day and the trials of the past. This aged Father served many years in great faithfulness in the Church of his Savior. Another, Dr. Becker, was prominent as a minister, and possessed the confidence of Synod sufficiently to be called, at one time, to a professorship in our Theological Seminary. These have now gone to receive from their Lord and Master, the reward of good and faithful servants. They were leaders in the Lord's host in a day of early efforts and discouragement. They bore the burden and heat of the day; but clothed in the whole armor of God they gained the victory. They will now appear in our midst no more. Their places must be filled by others. They have lain aside their armor, and ceased from giving counsel. We are reminded by this, that our time in the Church militant is limited, and that soon we will be called to follow those, who through faith and patience have already inherited the promises. Let us take from the armory of the Church, the shields of its great and mighty men, and follow on till we can say, I have fought the good fight; the time of my departure is at hand.

In conclusion, your Committee think that we have reason for special thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, for his continued presence in the fulfillment of his promise. The regular stated means of grace have been blessed. The preaching of the gospel has been owned in the salvation of men, and the people of God established in their holy faith. For all which blessings we would ascribe, as is most justly due, unto Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, all power, glory, dominion and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen.

H. W. SUPER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	B. Members.	Baptized.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Theodore L. Hoffeditz, D. D..*	3	Forks, Hamilton and Union,.....	456		75	33		356			16	3	Nazareth, Northampton county, Pa.
Jacob C. Becker, D. D., *.....	5	Saucon, Howertown &c.,†.....	1000		121	60		825			52	4	Bethlehem, do do do
C. G. Herman,.....	6	Kutztown, &c.,.....	1500		130	59		880			64	10	Maxatany, Berks do do
Joseph S. Dubs,.....	5	Allentown, Union &c.,.....	2000		205	94		1261			88	10	North White Hall, Lehigh co., do
John Zulich,.....	7	Jacob's &c‡.....	700		64	55		500			25	10	Jacksonville, do do do
J. S. Herman.....	8	Coxtown &c.,.....	1500		225	125		1230			84	4	Kutztown, Berks do do
William A. Helfrich.....	8	Ziegel &c.,.....	2200		148	109		1778			63	5	Fogleesville, do do
Vacant.....	3	Wilksbarre &c‡.....	200		32	...		180			23	4	
Charles Becker.....	7	Chesnut Hill &c.....	400		143	52		300			50	11	Broadheadsville, Monroe do do
C. G. Eichenberg.....	7	Weisport &c	500		125	60		300			50	5	Weisport, Carbon do do
Vacant.....	6	Bath &c‡.....	1600		182	105		1290			48	6	
Cyrus Becker.....	1	Catasaqua &c.....	....		...	...		....			....	..	Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Alfred J. Herman.....	3	Jerusalem &c.....	385		150	40		310			48	3	Maxatany, Berks county, do
D. F. Brendle.....	5	Farmersville &c.....	680		61	36		446			20	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
Isaac K. Loos.....	4	Upper Mt. Bethel.....	765		63	19	1	635		1	28	8	Richmond, do do do
John Beck.....	1	Easton.....	525		44	22		450			28	1	Easton, do do do
R. A. Van Court.....	6	Kreidersville &c.....	737		94	50		491			43	6	Bath, do do do
Joshua A. Derr.....	1	Allentown	415		44	48	8	223		1	6	1	Allentown, Lehigh county, do
Levi K. Derr.....	2	Tamaqua &c.....	510		72	32		340			34	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, do
Daniel Y. Heisler.....	1	Bethlehem,¶	120		6	...	2	80			2	1	Bethlehem, Northampton co., do
David Rodrock‡‡.....		.....	....		....	...		....			....	..	do do do do

*Lately deceased. †Approximate. ‡Last year's Statistics. ‡‡Assistant of Rev. D. F. Brendle. ¶Lately taken charge. Without charge.—J. W. Leacher, Easton, Pa. Licentiates—W. R. Hofford. H. Daniel, dism. to Classis of W. Susq. E. H. Helfrich, deposed at late meeting of Synod.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	E. Mem ers.	Baptized.	By Confirma'n.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Philip Mayer,	1	Zion's church	....		...								Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa.
John Gring	4	Fredericksburg charge	325		52			288			14	2	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do do
Thomas H. Leinbach	7	Tulpenhocken charge	140		120	54		853			45	5	Meyerstown, do do
Isaac Miese	6	Bern charge	1344		107	42		1142	1		46	8	Lower Bern, Berks, do do
Augustus L. Herman	9	Hamburg charge	1250		216	108		1085			68	12	Reading, do do do
Franklin W. Kremer	2	Lebanon charge	877	927	75	54	21	525	10		26	2	Lebanon, do do do
Aaron S. Leinbach	2	1st church, Reading, &c	100		222	138	20	9.0	2		114	4	Reading, Berks do do
Henry Wagner	4	Orwigsburg charge	188		34	15		188			30	4	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill do do
Jacob D. Zehring	6	Host charge	150		155	68		823			45	12	Bernville, Berks do do
Abraham Romich	3	Jonestown charge	300		42	250		221	1		23	3	Jonestown, Lebanon do do
William A. Good	3	Bernville charge	250		41	27		250			4	6	Reading. Berks do do
Jacob Kline	4	Minersville charge	600		173	30		550			60	5	Schuylkill Haven, Schulykill county, Pa.
Jonathan E. Heister	5	Palmyra charge	400	290	22	27	2	280			6	4	Annville, Lebanon county, Pa.
Charles F. McCauley	1	2nd church, Reading	180	200	19	18	12	170	2		8	3	Reading, Berks do do
Joseph H. Apple	1	Emanuel charge	68		18	9		68			8	1	Hamburg, do do do
Vacant	3	Pottsville charge	....		...	...							
Vacant	.	Tremont charge	....		...	...							

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Bap. Members.	Baptised.	By Confirma'n.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunica.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Daniel Ziegler	6	Creutz creek charge	600		66	16		570			30	4	York, York county,	Pa.
Jacob Sechler	4	Hanover charge	1000	500	77	53		650			29	4	Hanover, do	do
Henry Aurand														
John Reinecke		Superannuated											Shrewsbury, York county,	do
Frederick W. Vandersloot	5	Windsor charge	365	200	47	50		350			18		York,	do
Daniel Riegle	5	Dillsburg charge	350		20			346			25	4	Dillsburg, York county,	do
Charles H. Leinbach	6	Landisburg charge	700	780	64	61	7	600	12	4	21	9	Lewisburg, Union county,	do
Amos H. Kremer	1	Carlise	225	180	18	46	12	218	1	2	7	1	Carlisle,	do
George Leidy		Without charge											do	do
Jacob Ziegler	4	Gettysburg charge	690	500	61	35	7	660	3		24	3	Gettysburg,	do
William C. Bennett		Without charge											Boiling Springs, Cumberland county,	do
Samuel Kuhn	6	Bloomfield charge	349	440	35	25	3	264	7		6	6	Bloomfield, Perry county,	do
David Bossler	5	York charge, (German)	400		43	9	8	258			16	4	York,	do
Emanuel H. Hoffheins	5	Abbottstown charge	500	300	38	28	10	490	3		16	6	Abbottstown,	do
Jacob O. Miller	1	York (English)	400	550	40	55	5	275	4		6	3	York,	do
Daniel Gring	6	Shrewsburg charge	400		70	16	8	370			26	6	Shrewsbury,	do
David Hefelfinger	4	Newville charge	196	150	13	5	2	120			3	1	Newville,	do
J. B. Keller		Without charge											Carlisle,	do
Julius Kurtz	4	Emanuel's charge	425	450	58	43		384			15	3	Hanover,	do
T. P. Bucher		Assistant to C. H. Leinbach									6		Landisburg,	do
John Ault	3	Sulphur Springs*	163	100	15			92			16	2	Carlisle,	do
Vacant	5	Bender's charge	300	250	21	10		200						do
Vacant	3	Mechanicsburg charge†												

* Report of former Pastor. † Supplied in part by Rev. John Ault

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Baptised Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Elias Heiner, D. D.	1	First church, Baltimore	310	275	36	21	3	310	3		30	2	Baltimore,	Md.
Vacant	1	Second church, do											do	do
John S. Foulk	1	Third church, do	168	126	15			151	2		5	1	do	do
Frederick A. Herzberger	1	Fourth church, do	415		326	46	76	609	7		196	1	do	do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick city	445	511	74	22		460			39	2	Frederick city,	do
George W. Glessner	1	Middletown	434	323	55	15	3	380			21	4	Middletown, Frederick county,	do
Samuel H. Giesy	2	Hagerstown charge	230	250	37	17	7	200	4	1	12	1	Hagerstown, Washington county,	do
Mortimer L. Shuford	2	Mount Moriah charge	110	50	29	37	3	104			6	2	Sharpsburg, Washington county,	do
Henry Wissler	6	Manchester charge	594	560	8	1		460					Manchester, Carroll county,	do
Vacant	2	Emmittsburg charge	235	200				300					Emmittsburg, Frederick county	do
Joseph W. Santee	4	Cavetown charge	395	195	43	12	3	370			3	2	Cavetown, Washington county,	do
William F. Colliflower	3	Jefferson charge	295	213	26	11	2	250	3		8	3	Jefferson, Frederick county,	do
Moses A. Stewart	1	Burkettsville charge	173	181	10	3		173			2	1	Burkettsville, Frederick county,	do
Vacant	1	Silver Run Charge	474	530	38	28		280	2		15	1	Silver Run, Carroll County,	do
Charles Cast	1	Second church, Hagerstown	120	100	4	5	5	80			2	1	Hagerstown, Washington county,	do
Ernest W. Reinecke	1	St. James' church, Frederick	176	126	24	8		149	8		10	1	Frederick City,	do
Lewis A. Brunner	3	Boonsboro' charge	300	200	40	42	8	275	3		17	3	Boonsboro', Washington county,	do
Jesse Steiner	4	Glade charge	350		33	7		350	5		5	4	Walkersville, Frederick county,	do
Vacant[a]	2	Clearspring charge	100	175	14			100			14	2		
Gustavus Gramm	1	Fifth church, Baltimore	50		20	8		50			20	1	Baltimore City,	do
John G. Fritchey	4	Taneytown charge	375	250	22	23	8	320			8	3	Taneytown, Carroll county,	do
Henry J. Comfort	3	Sabillasville charge	179	175				150					Mechanicstown, Frederick county,	do
Benjamin Schneider, D. D.		Foreign Missionary											Aintab, Syria.	do

[a]Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh.

Without Charge—Robert Douglass, William H. Zimmerman, George L. Staley, Andrew P. Freese, P. Seibert Davis.

Licentiate—G. W. M. Schultze.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	Congre.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES	Members.	B. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certificate.	Communi.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Daniel G. Bragonier	2	Shepherdstown	202		29	16	16	202			1	2	Shepherdstown,	Va.
George H. Martin	1	Loudon	100		11	8		100				1	Lovettsville,	do
Daniel Feete	4	Woodstock	231					223				5	Woodstock,	do
Henry St. John Rinker	6	Mill Creek	250		15	17		250		3	3	2	Hamburg,	do
John C. Hensell	5	Rockingham	200		10	1		200			3	5	Mt Crawford,	do
John H. Crawford	3	Middlebrook	160		26	24		160			2		Middlebrook,	do
Vacant*	3	Augusta	110					110						
Vacant*	3	Central	103					103						
Vacant*	5	Pendleton	45		11			31						
Vacant,†	2	Winchester	80			1		80						

*Report of previous year. † Supplied by the Rev. R. Douglass.

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MISISTERS.	Congre.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES	Members.	B. Mem.	Baptized.	Condr.	Certif.	Commun.	Dismiss.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
George Boger		No Charge											Klutt's Tanyard,	N. C.
John Lantz	3	Newton	157		20	16					21	1	Newton,	do
David Crooks	2	Lincolnton	154	99	12	27					3		Lincolnton,	do
G. William Welker	3	Guilford	305	313	27	9	1				6	1	Brick Church,	do
Jeremiah Ingold	3	Catawba	99	80	7	1					2		Lincolnton,	do
Thornton Butler	3	East Rowan	280		35	6					32		Gold Hill,	do
Samuel J. Fetzer	2	West Rowan	262	296	8	1							Eufaula,	do
P. Alison Long	8	Davidson	342	130	18	17							Midway,	do

* *Vacant:* Newton; Friendship 24 members; Stoner's 40 members.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Membs.	B. Mem.	Baptis.	Confir.	Certif.	Comm.	Excom.	Dism.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Philip Schaff, D. D.		Professor of Theology											Mercersburg, Franklin county,	Pa.
Bernard C. Wolff, D. D.		do do											do do	do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D.		Editor of Messenger											Chambersburg, do	do do
Benjamin S. Schenck, D. D.	1	German congregation, Chambersburg.	58	71	6	5	17	58		3	1	1	do do	do do
John Rebaugh	1	Middleburg charge	100	225	25	5	8	95		4	7	1	Greencastle, do	do do
Samuel Philips	1	Chambersburg charge	284	289	40	40	14	261		7	9	1	Chambersburg, do	do do
Frederick A. Rupley	1	Shippensburg charge	150	100	21	15	6	140		4	5	1	Shippensburg, Cumber.	do do
Theobald Fouse	6	Woodcock Valley charge	490	650	60	40	22	476		2	9	4	James Creek, Hunting.	do do
Henry Heckerman	5	Bedford charge	420	406	51	38	5	430		3	13	2	Bedford, Bedford	do do
Jacob Hassler	2	London and St. Thomas charge	218	200	28	27	10	208		5	21	2	Martinsburg, Blair	do do
William M. Deatrick	2	Yellow Creek charge	138	188	23	3	5	133		3	7	3	Pattonsville, Bedford	do do
Henry W. Super	2	Waynesboro' charge	250	150	20	25	4	220		6	4	1	Waynesboro', Franklin	do do
Wm. D. C. Rodrock	4	Grindstone Hill charge	240	220	25	14	8	208		2	5	3	Chambersburg, do	do do
Samuel H. Reid	2	Huntingdon charge			26	21	3					2	Huntington, Huntingdon	do do
Nicholas E. Gilds	5	St. Clairsville charge	534	665	85	30	4	490	2	4	21	3	St. Clairsville, Bedford	do do
Joseph E. Hannaberry	4	Strawsburg charge	156	150	12	5	2	111		3	2	1	Upper Strasburg, Franklin	do do
Charles F. Hoffmeir	2	Friend's Cove charge	200	300	30	11		200		2	3	2	Charlesville, Bedford	do do
Joshua Rialé	3	Waterstreet charge	291	284	37	16	2	265		3	5	3	Alexandria, Huntingdon	do do
Isaac G. Brown	2	Mercersburg charge	159	130	18	6	16	145			3	2	Mercersburg, Franklin	do do
Thomas G. Apple	1	Greencastle	332	320	10			268			9	1	Greencastle, do	do do
John G. Wolff	3	McConnellsburg charge	96	150				84				2	McConnellsburg, Fulton	do do
Frederick A. Scholl		Superannuated											Greencastle, do	do do
Jacob Mayer		Without charge											Columbia, Lancaster	do do
Samuel Miller		do do											Lebanon, Lebanon	do do
George W. Aughinbaugh		do do											Edinburg, Shenan.	do Va.
Daniel M. Giles		do do											St. Thomas, Frankin	do Pa.
Vacant	2	Martinsburg charge	118	154	11	2		112			1	1		
Vacant	1	St. Peter's church, Ray's Cove	18	20	11	1	2	18			1			

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Bapt. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirma.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunic.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.		No charge											Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.,		do											Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,	1	Norristown	120		6	5	1	140			3	1	Norristown, do
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Philadelphia	249	398	12	42	27	234		4	12	1	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr	1	Zions	518	741	38	24	37	477		42	25	1	Kensington, Philadelphia co., do
John Gantenbein,	1	Bethel, Philadelphia	400			14	75	350				2	do do do do
J. G. Wiehle	1	Salem, do	500		153	52	104	467		2	37	1	Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner	2	Bohms	280		6	11	3	225			6	2	Blue Bell, Montgomery do do
Jesse B. Knipe	2	Pikeland	150		25	27		150				4	Chester Springs, Chester do do
Alfred B. Shenkle	2	Trappe	346		9	48	7	366			8	2	Trappe, Montgomery do do
E. M. Long		Without charge											Norristown, do do do
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks	233		13	37		250		1	7		East Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Aller	2	Pleasantville	150			12		150					Pleasantville, do do do
Charles Lukens		No charge											Frankford, Philadelphia do do
George D. Wolff		do											Norristown, Montgomery, do do
Charles W. Schultz		do											
Vacant	1	Vincent											
John R. Kooken		No charge											

CLASSIS OF GOSHENHOPPEN.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	B. Memb.	Baptisms.	By Confl.	By Certif.	Comm.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Daniel Zeller		Superannuated											Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John A. Strassburger		do											Sellersville, Bucks do do
John S. Kessler, D. D.	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c	150	1000	15	5		100			10	2	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Daniel Weiser	2	New Goshenh ppen and Swamp	860		84	77	23	1091			60	4	Pennsburg, Montgom. do do
Peter S. Fisher	3	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c	1000	1000	29	56		730			30	5	Sellersville, Bucks do do
Samuel Hess	5	St. Pauls, Jerusalem, &c	800		73	38	2	760			46	6	Hellerstown, Northamp do do
William T. Gerhart	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c	788		48	15		529			32	4	Bucksville, Bucks do do
Lewis C. Herman	3	Pottstown, Hill and Lobachs	300		47			260		2	20	2	New Hanover, Montg. do do
William Phillips	2	Reiglesville and Upper Tinicum,	150		30	25		150			20	1	Allentown, Lehigh do do
William G. Hackman	1	Towamencin	40		1			34			2	1	Kulpsville, Montgom. do do
N. S. Strassburger	4	Amity, Pottstown, Limerick, &c	730	650	71	108		675		2	50	4	Pottstown, do do do
A. L. Dechant	5	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c	527	1050	75	25		407			28	6	Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubs	5	Saucon charge	530		153	36		530			64	7	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Vacant	2	Springfield and Ridgeroad											
do	1	Baumstown											
do	1	Pricetown, sup. by W. A. Good.											

CLASSIS OF LANCASTER.

MINISTERS.	Con.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Bapt. M.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Certifi.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss'd.	Deaths.	Sab. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Henry Harbaugh	1	First church, Lancaster			29	18	15			2	13	1	Lancaster city,	Pa.
Isaac S. Demund	1	Second do do	122		8	3	3	114		2	2	1	do	do
Daniel Gans	1	Salem, Harrisburg	190	160	12	11	1	120		3	9	1	Harrisburg,	do
Isaac Gerhart	3	Vacant	100		14			46			5		Lancaster city,	do
John W. Hoffmeier	3	Millersville charge	193		18	23		193			4	5	do do	do
Daniel Hertz	7	Ephrata charge	340	210	56			340			34	2	Ephrata, Lancaster county	do
John V. Eckert	4	New Providence charge	194		6	7		140			2	5	New Providence, Lancaster county,	do
Martin A. Smith	5	Hummelstown charge,	270	180	26	19	1	210		2	4	4	Hummelstown, Dauphin county,	do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.	2	New Holland charge			20	16		130				2	New Holland, Lancaster county.	do
Christian C. Russell	1	Columbia	60	76	11	18	7	35		3	4	1	Columbia, Lancaster county,	do
Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.		President F. and M. College											Lancaster city,	do
Thomas C. Porter		Prof. in do do do											do do	do
Theodore Apple		do do do do											do do	do
Supplied by Rev. J. Naille	2	Elizabethtown charge	142		33	29		96			14		Elizabethtown, Lancaster county,	do
John W. Nevin, D. D.		Without charge											Lancaster city,	do

Without charge—Albert Helffenstein, Sr., I. E. Graeff; *Vacant:* Maytown and Marietta charges; Manheim, supplied by Rev. J. W. Hoffmeier.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

MINISTERS.	Congre.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Mem.	Bap. M.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certifi.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismiss.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
John F. Busche	1	New York city	142		79	12		142				1	New York city,	New York.
John Lichtenstein	1	Buffalo	498		34	15		370					Buffalo, Erie county,	do
Deitrich Willers	2	Fayette	183		38			183			10	2	Fayette, Seneca county,	do
Lewis B. Schwartz	2	Boston	150		60	16		92				1	Boston, Massachusetts.	
T. Grosshusch	1	Rochester	88		17	4		88			2	1	Rochester,	do
William Meyer	2	Tonawanda	311		69	31		272			17	2	Tonawanda, Erie county,	do

CLASSIS OF EAST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Baptized Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.	
Isaac Shellhammer	7	Union	260	270	62	25		181	20		28	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county,	Pa.
Rudolph Dunger	4	Ashland	150	160	24	10		135			8	3	Fountain Spring, Schuylkill county,	do
William Goodrich	6	Bloomsburg	425	380	50	34	3	400			24	6	Bloomsburg, Columbia county,	do
Nathaniel E. Bressler	7	Armstrong Valley	400	325	54	57		350			40	6	Fisherville, Dauphin county,	do
Albert G. Dole	1	Milton	165	180	15	13	4	172	7		3	1	Milton, Northumberland county,	do
Jared Fritzinger	7	Mahony	450	350	80	59		390			27	12	Greenbrier, Northumberland county,	do
Henry Hoffman	3	Briar Creek	116		15	15		116			12	2	Berwick, Columbia county,	do
George Wolff	4	Paradise	700	657	44	33	20	504	21		11	6	Limestoneville, Montour county,	do
David W. Wolff	4	Danville	197	115	23	19	14	183	7		11	2	Danville, Montour county,	do
John B. Porner	10	Conyngham	375	440	40	48		332			37	8	Hazleton, Luzerne county,	do
C. Z. Weiser	1	Selinsgrove	160	200	21		2	130			7	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder county,	do
Ephraim Kieffer	7	Lykens' Valley	500	700	50	58		400			21	8	Millersburg, Dauphin county,	do
C. A. Rittenhouse	3	Shamokin	200	260	17	30	2	189	5		15	2	Shamokin, Northumberland county,	do
John W. Steinmetz	5	Sunbury	344	300	46	25	12	344	6		18	5	Sunbury, Northumberland county,	do
Vacant	6	Berrysburg	200	160				170					Berrysburg, Dauphin county,	do
Henry Miller		No Charge											Shirleysburg, Huntington county,	do

CLASSIS OF WEST SUSQUEHANNA.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	Members.	Bap. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirma'n.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunica.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
W. H. Groh	5	Boalsburg	280					280		8		6	Boalsburg, Centre county, Pa.
Samuel Gutelius	5	Freeburg	231					231					Freeburg, Snyder do do
John C. Bucher	1	Mifflinburg	185	185	6	16		185		1	1	1	Mifflinburg, Union do do
Henry Wiegand	4	Nippanose	348		23	20		329			7	5	Road Hall, Lycoming do do
William R. Yearick	4	Nittany	250	450	40	10		232	3	4	16	6	Hublersburg, Centre do do
G. W. M. Schultze	6	Beaver	440					301					Beaver Springs, Snyder co., do
F. J. Mohr	3	Williamsport	252		34	23		195		4	17		Williamsport Lycoming do do
J. S. Shade	3	Liberty Valley	257	300	31	6		166		2	5	3	Liberty, Tioga county, do
Benjamin Bausman	1	Lewisburg	217		15	24		209		2	7	1	Lewisburg, Union do do
L. C. Edmonds	4	Aaronsburg	282	437	40	37		282		6	10	6	Aaronsburg, do do
Daniel S. Tobias	4	Rebersburg	137		45	19		137				10	Milheim, Centre do do
Adolph B. Caspar		No Charge											New Berlin, Snyder co., do
D. G. Klein	4	Bellefonte	118	224	21	2		103		2	2	2	Bellefonte, Centre do do
Vacant	2	Driesbach, &c.	191		15	41		189			6	1	
do	4	New Berlin	90										
do	2	Salem and Eden	58	82	4			54					
do	2	Middlecreek	134	186	40	11		100			30	3	
Jonathan Zellers		Without charge											

CLASSIS OF CLARION.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.	Bapt. Members.	Baptisms.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
D. B. Ernst	4	Sagerstown	286		23	7	6	253			3		Sagerstown, Crawford county, Pa.
L. B. Leberman	5	Mercer Mission			66	20					4	2	Mercer, Mercer do do
H. F. Hartman	3	West Greenville	400		35	57	50	390			12	3	West Greenville, Mercer do do
Lucian Cort	3	Harmony	180		12	26		155			4	3	Rimersburg, Clarion do do
Abner Dale	2	Fairview	238		25	56	2	190			2	1	Brady's Bend, Armstrong do do
F. Wise	4	Armstrong	330	252	35	22		325			7	4	South Bend, do do do
J. G. Shoemaker	5	Rimersburg	320		56	14	1	270		9	4	4	Curlsville, Clarion do do
C. A. Limberg	4	Luthersburg	225		23	13		210			2	3	Punxatawny, Jefferson do do
C. Scheel	4	Tylersburg	130		9	1		88					Tylersburg, Clarion do do
J. S. Shade	5	Petersburg	400		163	47		365			17	3	Lamertine, do do do
Francis Netscher	2	Redbank	680					463					New Bethlehem do do do
Vacant	4	Ringgold											
B. Boyer		Superannuated											West Greenville, Mercer do do
S. N. Callender		Without charge											Meadville, Crawford do do
Philip Zeiser		**do do**											**Hamburg, Mercer do do**

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

	Number of Minis.	Num. of Congre.	Memb.	Baptizd Memb.	Baptiz.	By Confir.	By Letter.	Comm.	Dismm.	Excom.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Benev. Contrib.
Eastern Synod	221	656	69278	28243	8423	4598	816	57724	308	12	3155	532	
Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States	143	385	14450	2379	2911	1927	574	17209	188	6	643	179	3714 20
Total of the two Synods	364	1041	83728	30622	11334	6525	1390	74933	496	18	3709	711	

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

AKRON, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO,

Commencing its Sessions on the 30th of May at 8 o'clock P. M., and Closing on Tuesday Following.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, in General Convention, in Akron, Summit County, Ohio, commencing its sessions on Wednesday evening the 30th of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and closing its session on the following Tuesday.

ARTICLE I.

The President, Rev. J. Heller, having been unavoidably detained in his journey, the Convention was called to order by the Stated Clerk at the appointed time, when Rev. J. H. Good was appointed President, pro. tem. On motion, the preaching of the regular Synodical Sermon was deferred until Thursday evening, when the President preached from Psalm 72: 19. *And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.—Amen and Amen.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs—D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, Geo. W. Williard, H. Rust, S. Mease, J. Richards, A. C. Kendig, Jesse Schlosser, I. H. Reiter.*
Elders—Wm. Nieble, M. Shearer, P. Baddorf.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs—H. Williard, J. B. Thompson, S. S. Rickly, C. W. Hoyman, J. C. Klar, N. H. Loose, John I. Swander.
Elders—Geo. Holman, H. Leonard, H. Zartman, Geo. Riegle.

*Took his seat on Friday.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, L. H. Kefauver, A. B. Koplin, C. C. Russell, D. H. Reiter.

Elders—D. S. Dieffenbacher, Jos. Cort, John Troxel.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Revs. S. B. Leiter, Wm. McCaughey, J. F. Helm, M. A. Miller, J. M. Lefever, Cyrus H. Reiter, J. Hines,† L. Follet,† P. J. Spangler.†

Elders.—T. W. Chapman, Geo. Wake, R. Simonds, P. Treesh, J. Stoner, Geo. Feighner.†

5. TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Revs. J. H. Good, Max. Stern, J. Klingler, J. G. Ruhl, Eli Keller, J. J. Escher, E. E. Higbee, P. Tendick, J. Heller,* J. B. Kniest, D. W. Kelly, C. Raths, F. A. Edmonds, E. H. C. Shutte, P. Grading, J. Eichen, D. Zimmerman, H. J. Rutenick, H. Eschmier.†

Elders.—Francis Rife, Peter Sickmiller, Martin Boger, Fred. Becker, Jacob Marshau, John Rearick, J. Kuhn, John Boyer, Sr.

6. ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Revs. Wm. B. Sandoe, W. H. Fenneman, J. Brakefield,† J. H. Kline.†

Elders.—Fred. Weaver, Wm. Stough.

7. ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Revs. P. Herbruck, J. G. Zahner, E. H. T. Woehler, J. Englebach, S. N. King, C. Fair, John Rettig, James Reinhart, J. J. Roemer, G. Zeigler, J. W. Hamm, Geo. Rettig,† D. Kemmerer,‡ C. Zwisler.‡

Elders.—J. Sonnedecker, John Zimmerman, Nic. Fox, J. Lindesmith, J. Dershuck, A. W. Smith, John Falk, Peter Waltz.

8. IOWA CLASSIS.

Ministers.—Rev. J. H. Buser, J. Riale.

9. INDIANA CLASSIS.

Minister.—Rev. C. Pluss.

10. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

None present.

11. SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

None present.

*Took his seat on Thursday.
†Took his seat on Friday.
‡Took their seats on Monday.

SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Minister.—Rev. H. Harbaugh.

Advisory Members.—Rev. B. Bausman of the Synod of North America.

Licentiate.—D. R. Moore.

Elders.—Jacob Ohl, Mich. Olinger, Sam. Treash, H. Yocher, Jacob Yearich, E. R. Moore, B. Freidt.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. H. Good, *President.*
Rev. J. Z. Zahner, *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer.*
Rev. Geo. W. Williard, *is Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Rules of Synod were read and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the session of the Convention.

Morning Session to commence at 8½, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Evening Session to commence at 2, and close at 4½ o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Minutes of Synod.—Revs. S. B. Leiter, A. C. Kendig, and D. W. Kelley. Elders, T. W. Chapman, and J. Falk.

On Overtures.—Rev. J. G. Zahner, J. Richards, and H. Rust. Elders, D. S. Dieffenbacher, and Geo. Holman.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs. M. Stern, P. C. Prugh, P. Herbruck, W. B. Sandoe, and J. C. Klar. Elders, Wm. Nieble, H. Leonard.

On Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, E. Keller, H. Harbaugh. Elders, F. Rife, P. Sickmiller, and E. H. T. Woehler.

On State of Religion.—Revs. J. Heller, W. H. Fenneman, and S. Mease. Elders, M. Shearer, John Troxell.

On Theological Seminary.—Revs. H. Williard, D. H. Reiter, and G. Ziegler. Elders, P. Baddorf, Geo. Wake.

On Heidelburg College.—Revs. J. B. Kniest, J. J. Roemer, and D. Winters. Elders, Henry Zartman and Jos. Cort.

On Missions.—Revs. C. C. Russell, B. Bausman, H. J. Rutenick, and C. Fair. Elders, Fred. Brecker, and J. Kuhn.

On Finance.—Revs. J. I. Swander, J. H. Buser, and A. B. Koplin. Elders, R. Simonds, and Phillip Treesh.

On Publication.—Revs. S. Mease, L. H. Kefauver, and P. Grading. Elders, Fred. Weaver, and J. Lindesmith.

On Religious Exercises.—Revs. S. B. Leiter, P. Herbruck, J. F. Engelbach, and J. F. Helm. Elders, J. Sonnedecker and M. Boger.

On Nominations.—Revs. J. Heller, J. B. Thompson, G. Ziegler, and J. J. Escher. Elders, Wm. Nieble, and John Royer.

On Education.—Revs. H. J. Rutenick, J. Eichen and S. N. King. Elders, J. Rearich, and Jacob Marshau.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

2. The Minutes of last year with those of the Synod of North America, were referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

3. The Minutes of the different Classes were handed over and referred to the Committee on said Minutes.

4. The reports of the different Boards and Treasurers, were read and referred to their respective Committees.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Thursday evening, Synodical Sermon, by Rev. J. Heller, President of last year, followed by a short address in German, by Rev. H. J. Rutenick.

Friday evening, German sermon, by Rev. J. J. Roemer.—Alumni Address, in the M. E. Church, by Rev. I. H. Reiter.

Saturday afternoon, German sermon, by Rev. M. Stern. Evening, English sermon, by Rev. D. Winters.

Sabbath morning, at 9 o'clock, German sermon by Rev. J. G. Zahner. At 11 o'clock, English sermon, by Rev. B. Bausman, and Communion in both languages.

Sabbath evening, English sermon by Rev. H. Harbaugh.

SISTER CHURCHES.

Baptist Church.—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. George B. Russell.

Methodist E. Church.—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. P. C. Prugh, and in the evening, by Rev. J. Riale.

2d. Congregational Church.—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. E. E. Higbee, and in the evening, by Rev. S. Mease.

Congregational Church in Middlebury.—Sabbath morning, sermon by Rev. L. H. Kefauver.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1, Page 7. Is a Com. on church property in the city of Pittsburg, Pa.

Item 2, page 7. Is the continuation of a Com. to procure a seal for Synod.

Item 3, page 7. Is a Com. on European Churches.

Item 4, page 8. Proposed amendments of the Constitution, with a view to provide for a general Triennial Synod.

Item 5, page 10. Is the continuation of a Board of Trustees of certain lots in the city of Opechee.

Item 6, page 25. Rev. J. J. Escher is continued a committee on Theological Library.

Item 7, page 25. Is the election of a German Professor should the endowment fund justify it.

Item 8, page 35. Is the election of a delegate to the Eastern Synod.

Item 9, page 35. Is the election of various Boards.

Item 10; page 44. Publication of the Minutes of Synod.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

The appointment of Rev. H. Harbaugh, *Primarius*, and Rev. C. F. McCauley, *Secundus*, as delegate to this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. The committee reported progress, whereupon the subject was referred to a specialcommittee, consisting of Revs. H. Williard, Geo. B. Russell and Elder Joseph Cost. This committee subsequently reported as follows:

It appears from facts in the possession of the Synod and the Committee—

1. That we had formerly and for many years, a Ger. Ref. Congregation in Pittsburg. It was founded by Rev. Father Weber, in 1783, and served by him and other Ministers of our Synod, subsequently, of whom were Revs. Kemmerer and Kohler, the last named as late as 1848.

2. That said congregation had deeded to them, conjointly with the Lutherans, a certain plat of ground on Smithfield street, extending from Sixth street, to Strawberry Alley, on which they have from time to time erected churches—the present one having been built in 1833, during the pastorate of Father Kemmerer, who then was as he now is, a regular minister of our Synod.

3. That for some years past, especially since 1848, the said church has not been represented either by minister or people, in the ecclesiastical bodies of the Reformed Church; that it is now in the hands of a people who do not hold our symbol of faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, nor teach it to their children as necessary for their reception into membership.

In view of these facts, your committee recommend the following action to be taken, so as to secure our just rights in the said property, and thus faithfully meet the conditions of the deed, and the pious intentions of those fathers, whose contributions are vested in the said church.

1. *Resolved*, That in declaring themselves independent of, and disconnected from all Synods, the said people forfeited all claim to membership in the German (Protestant) Reformed Church, and by consequence, to the property and benefits of the same provided by the sacrifice and pious zeal of our fathers.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Synod, according to the general Constitution of the German Reformed Church, no congregation can of right belong to our church, which does not submit to said constitution, regulating the several Classes under the Synod, and all the congregations under the several Classes, in whose bounds they are located.

3. *Resolved*, That the said Church shall be declared vacant, and that the Westmoreland Classis, within whose bounds it is, be respectfully directed to take such legal measures as will secure the said property for the rightful use of a German Reformed congregation—according to the original deed, which plainly indicates the use for which the said property was originally provided.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, on behalf of the Com.

Item 2. The Commmittee reported that no seal had been procured. The Committee was continued with instructions to procure one before the next annual meeting of Synod.

Item 3. The Committee was continued and increased by the addition of Rev. M. Stern.

Item 4. See report on minutes of Classes.

Item 5. The Trustees reported though Rev. P. C. Prugh, that nothing had been done during the year. The Board of Trustees was continued.

Item 6. See report on Theological Seminary.

Item 7. See same report.

Item 8. The delegate presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The delegate secundus to the North American Synod of the German Reformed Church, which met in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 18th, 1859, would submit to Synod, the following report:

He has the satisfaction of being able to say that the duty assigned him has been performed; and that he was received with warm greetings by the brethren of the Eastern Synod, as the representative of your reverend Body. In all their Synodical proceedings, he was cordially invited to participate, and made to feel, that in fact we were integral parts of one and the same organization. We had the pleasure of being present during the entire session of Synod, and felt interested in their deliberations. Besides the usual business transactions of Synod, in their annual sessions, several subjects of special interest elicited attention, among which we may enumerate the Triennial General Synod, the establishment of the Theological Tutorship, the removal of the Theological Seminary from Mercersburg; the creation of a German Reformed Church Publication Board, and its peculiar connection with the printing establishment, &c. In all these, as well as in other movements of our beloved Zion, there were indications of increasing attachment and growing interest manifested by our Eastern brethren, in their earnest efforts to enlarge their operations, that the increasing demands of the church of our fathers be fully and faithfully supplied. In conclusion, with devout gratitude to the Great Head of the church, for his watchful care and Providence over us in keeping us united in the unity of the faith, and in the bonds of peace, we are happy in being the bearer of the kind salutations of the North American Synod of the German Reformed Church, to your reverend Body, assuring you in their name, that we have their heartfelt sympathy, their co-operation in the arduous work assigned us, and an interest in their prayers at the throne of the Heavenly Grace.

The amount of expenses incurred by your delegate, is $25.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WILLIARD.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to drawn an order on Treasurer of Synod in favor of Rev. H. Williard for the one-half of the expenses according to the rule of Synod.

Item 9. Regular reports were received from all except the Board of visitors of Heidelberg College, and referred to their appropriate committees, in whose reports they will be found.

Item 10. Attended to according to the instructions of Synod.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures reported as follows:

Your committee on Overtures, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Item 1. Is a request of the recently organized Iowa Classis, to be received into regular connection with this Synod. This request is accompanied with a copy of their proceedings, from which it appears that they had the constitutional number of Ministers and lay delegates to form a Classis.

Item 2. Is a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of Indiana Classis.

Item 3. Is a copy of the minutes of the Classis of Illinois.

Item 4. Is a request of the Consistory of the Second German Reformed Congregation of Cincinnati, O., to this reverend body, to take such action as may secure for it such material aid as will enable it to provide a suitable church building, which its prosperity and success demand.

Item 5. Is a petition presented to this Synod by thirteen members of the Marion charge, in which they ask this body to give them permission to withhold their money subscribed to Heidelberg College, until full justice can be done to the German in said Institution, inasmuch as they subscribed their money upon the assurance given them by the agent, that instruction would be given in the two languages in the College.

Item 6. Is a request of the Union Charge, De Kalb county, Ia. that this Synod should provide a pastor for them, who would be able to officiate in the two languages. They promise an ample and sufficient support to such a minister.

Item 7. Is a letter of Rev. H. A. Muhlmeier, in which he asks to be excused for absence from the Synod. He assigns sickness as the reason of his non-attendance.

Item 8. Is a similar request of Rev. J. T. Kluge, to this body, on the same ground.

Item 9. Is a request of the Tarlton congregation, through its pastor, for an action on the part of Synod, to devise some plan for its relief from an oppressive church debt.

Item 10. Is a letter from the so-called Fruths congregation, at London, containing an earnest petition to Synod, for the immediate ordination of M. Miller, in order that he may be able to perform all the ministerial duties in their midst. This petition is signed by 14 members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. ZAHNER, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item.

Item 1. The request was granted, and the organization of the Classis of Iowa, recognized as regular and constitutional.

Item 2. Referred to the committee on minutes of Classes.

Item 3. Referred to same committee.

Item 4. Referred to the committee on Missions.

Item 5. Referred to committee on Heidelberg College.

Item 6. Referred to the St. Josephs Classis, in whose bounds the charge lies.

Item 7. Excused.

Item 8. Excused.

Item 9. *Resolved*, That we express our sympathy with our brethren at Tarlton, Ohio, in their embarrassment, and would recommend them to the favorable notice of the church for aid.

Item 10. The request was referred to the Tiffin Classis.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

Your committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report:

1. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Sandusky Classis has no roll of its absent members.—Adopted.

2. The Classes of Sandusky, Sheboygan and Illinois did not report their proceedings according to the instructions of Synod.—Adopted.

3. All the statistical tables are imperfect. Adopted.

4. Illinois Classis dismissed one of its members without mentioning the name of the classis to which he was dismissed. Adopted.

5. Illinois Classis, owing to the peculiar circumstances in which it was placed, organized irregularly and asks Synod to sanction its action.

On motion, the action of the Illinois Classis was sanctioned under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. St. Joseph's Classis recommends to Synod, the Rev. J. Lichtenstein, of Buffalo, N. Y., as a suitable person for the German Professorship, in our Theological Seminary. Referred to the committee on Theological Seminary.

2. Indiana Classis requests information respecting our Eastern Widows' Fund Society. Referred to the Rev. J. Rebaugh of Greencastle, Pa., President of said Society.

3. Iowa Classis requests Synod to grant it as its proper territory the field West of the Mississippi.

This request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. G. B. Russell, J. H. Buser, and Elder H. Leonard. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee, following the uniform expression of Synod's wishes on such matters, are fully convinced that it is exceedingly desirable to have all the classical boundaries well defined and settled, so that there may arise no conflict between the several adjacent classes. We would therefore offer the following resolutions relating to this matter:

1. *Resolved*, That the bounds of the Iowa Classis, be the state line of Iowa.

2. *Resolved*, That in case congregations or pastoral charges be formed in the surrounding districts, not now in any classis, they be for the time under the care and jurisdiction of the Iowa Classis.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the committee,

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

4. Miami Classis requests a revision of the Statistical Table of Synod, and the publication of forms for the use of the different Classes.

This request was referred to the following special committee: Revs. P. C. Prugh and J. Riale, and Elder J. Cort. This committee subsequently reported as follows:

The committee appointed to report upon the request of Miami Classis, asking Synod to procure printed forms of the Statistical Table, would respectfully report:

WHEREAS, In spite of all the efforts made and resolutions passed by Synod, requiring each minister to annex to his parochial report, a full statistical table; (there are still many such tables very imperfect); therefore,

Resolved, That Synod instruct the Stated Clerk to print two thousand blank forms, of the following table, English and German, equally proportioned, for the use of the ministers of the different classes:

MINISTERS.	No. of Congregations	CONGREGATIONS OR CHARGES.	No. of Unconfirmed Members.	No. Conf'd Members.	Members Communed.	Baptisms.	Received by Confirmation.	Received by Letter or renewal of Confession	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated or Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Contributions for Benevolence.	No. of copies of Minutes.	P. O. ADDRESS.

Resolved, That each Classis be required to enjoin upon its ministers the duty of furnishing a full statistical table, according to the above form. P. C. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

5. Miami Classis requests Synod to establish a Missionary Institute.

This request was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Kline, H. Rust, and M. Stern; and Elders M. Shearer and G. Holman. This committee subsequently reported as follows:

Your committee, to whom the subject of establishing a Missionary Institute was referred, begs leave to offer the following report:

The want of such an Institute, has been felt, especially among the German portion of our church, and has been made manifest at different times. Your committee is, therefore, of the opinion that a German Missionary School should be established as soon as possible, in order to carry on the great work assigned us by the Head of the church. In this Institute, the Theological instruction should be given in the German language, whilst it should be made the duty of the students to study the English language, which we regard as indispensably necessary for every minister of the Gospel in this country. A board of twelve ministers should now be appointed, to whom the establishing of the institute should be referred, and who shall be authorized to prepare statutes, to locate the institute, and to form the course of instruction, with the provision that their action must be in accordance with the constitution of the church.

The board is to report at the next meeting of Synod.

We would propose the following ministers, as the board above named: Revs. P. Herbruck, D. Kemmerer, J. G. Zahner, H. Rust, J. H. Kline, M. G. I. Stern, C. Saure, E. Keller, M. Stern, H. J. Rutenick, H. A. Winter, and J. J. Esher.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KLINE.

On motion, it was resolved that all action on the subject of a Missionary Institute, be deferred to the next annual meeting.

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

1. All the subjects referred to the several Classes were acted upon, and adopted. Adopted.

2. In regard to the formation of a Triennial Synod, the vote of the Classes stands as follows: Miami, Sandusky, Westmoreland, and Illinois Classes, are in favor of it; Lancaster, and Indiana are opposed to it; St. John, Tiffin, and St. Joseph Classes, desire such a judicatory, on the condition that one or more German District Synods be formed. Adopted.

3. In regard to the Evangelist, the following prevailingly German Classes, desire a reconsideration of the action of last year, viz: Tiffin, St. Joseph, Sheboygan, and Indiana. Referred to the committee on the report of the German Board of Publication.

4. St. John's Classis cannot co-operate at present in the establishment of a German Professorship, in our Institutions at Tiffin, as there may be a re-organization of Synod in the formation of a higher judicatory; and they also wish to await the action of Synod in regard to a Missionary Institute. Adopted.

5. Tiffin Classis expressed its dissatisfaction with the action of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, in the election of an English instead of a German Professor, contrary to the action of Synod. This item was referred to the committee on Heidelberg College.

4. RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Miami Classis licensed and ordained J. Stuck, Jonas Michael, ordained John I. Swander, and dismissed Revs. J. Vogt and John I. Swander to Lancaster Classis, and Rev. J. M. Lefever to Sandusky Classis.

2. Sandusky classis licensed and ordained J. F. Helm, licensed D. R. Moore, reinstated M. A. Miller, and received Rev. J. M. Lefever, from the Miami Classis.

3. St. Joseph Classis received Rev. J. Brakefield from Tiffin Classis, and Rev. J. D. Gackenheimer from Jt. John's Classis, and dismissed Rev. Wm. Ellers to the Cold Water Presbytery, and struck from its roll the name of A. J. Rutan.

4. Sheboygan Classis licensed and ordained Nath. Rutenick, and received the Rev. C. Linekemper from the St. John's Classis, and the Rev. P. Joerris, from the Tiffin Classis.

5. St. John's Classis licensed and ordained J. Reinhart, and dismissed Rev. F. Wahl to the Indiana Classis.

6. Indiana Classis received Rev. H. Kortheur from the Tiffin Classis, and Rev. F. Wahl from the St. John's Classis, and dismissed Rev. C. Pluss to the Miami Classis, Rev. A. Toensmeir to Illinois Classis, Rev. Geo. Weber to the St. Joseph Classis, and and Rev. C. Scheel to the Mercersburg Classis of the Synod of North America.

7. Tiffin Classis licensed and ordained J. Eichen, ordained E. H. C. Shutte, Peter Grading, and W. Witzgall; received Rev.

D. Zimmerman from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and dismissed Rev. F. A. Edmonds to the Westmoreland Classis.

8. Westmoreland Classis received Rev. D. H. Reiter from the Tiffin Classis, and dismissed Rev. J. J. Roemer to the St. Johns Classis.

9. Illinois Classis licensed Joseph Sechler, received Rev. H. K. Baines from the Miami Classis, and dismissed Rev. D. Kroh to the St. Joseph Classis, Rev. H. Bentz to the New York Classis.—Adopted.

5. ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Miami Classis will meet in Seven Mile, Butler Co., O. on Thursday, the 25th of Oct. 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. H. Winters, President, and Rev. P. C. Prugh, Stated Clerk.

Lancaster Classis will meet in Delaware, O., on the 24th of Oct. 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Joseph B. Thompson, President, and Rev. I. S. Weisz, Stated Clerk.

Westmoreland Classis will meet in Centreville, Somerset co., Pa., on the last Thursday in September, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. K. Levan, President, and Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Stated Clerk.

Sandusky Classis will meet in St. Luke's Church, Ashland co., O., on the last Friday in September, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M.—Rev. J. J. Excell, President, and Rev. Wm. McCaughey, Stated Clerk.

Tiffin Classis will meet in Thompson, Seneca co., O., on the 24th of Oct. 1860, at 6 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. Keller, President, and Rev. J. J. Escher, Stated Clerk.

St. John's Classis will meet in New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas co., O. on the last Friday in September, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. P. Herbruck, President, and Rev. J. G. Zahner, Stated Clerk.

St. Joseph Classis will meet in Huntington, Huntington co., Ind., on the second Tuesday of October, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. D. Lantz, President, and Rev. J. H. Klein, Stated Clerk.

Sheboygan Classis will meet in Lowell, Wisconsin, on the last Tuesday in October, 1860. Rev. H. A. Muhlmeir, President, and Rev. J. T. Kluge, Stated Clerk.

Illinois Classis will meet in Beardstown, Illinois, on the 25th of October, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. K. Baines, President and Rev. J. Hoyman, Stated Clerk.

Iowa Classis will meet in Harmony Church, Jackson co., Iowa, on the third Thursday in September, 1860, at 7 o'clock, P. M.—Rev. F. C. Bauman, President, and Rev. J. Riale, Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

M. STERN, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

Application for examination and licensure having been made in behalf of Martin Miller, a student of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, O., he was referred to the committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The committee after a careful examination presented the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Examination, Licensure, &c.

The committee had but one applicant, Martin Miller, a student in the Seminary at Tiffin, referred to them.

After a thorough examination of the applicant, the committee unanimously report the result satisfactory; and therefore, recommend Synod to grant his request for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. B. RUSSELL, Chairman.

It was Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to furnish Martin Miller with the regular testimonials of licensure, to preach the gospel upon his signing the constitutional Formula, which being done in the presence of Synod, the President furnished him with the testimonial of his licensure, to preach the gospel.

On motion, Martin Miller was placed under the care of the Tiffin Classis, in whose bounds he expects to labor.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The committee on Religion and Morals presented the following report which was received and adopted.

To the Rev. Synod of Ohio and adjacent States:

Your committee on the state of Religion and Statistics within the bounds of this Synod, would beg leave to report as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The close of another synodical year, has brought us together in annual sessions, to recount the doings of the Lord in our bounds, in the labors, trials, and encouragements in His church, during the year.

It is with devout gratitude that we would lift our hearts in thankfulness to Him, who holds the destinies of nations and individuals in His hands, and who is the giver of every good gift, that He has brought us safely through the dangers and responsibilities of another year. But while we have reason for thankfulness and congratulation, that our lives have been precious in the hands of the Lord, the

church has been called to mourn the departure of a venerable servant of the Lord. The Classis of Lancaster, in their annual report, say: "We are admonished particularly by the death of one, who for many years has been an active member of our ecclesiastical body, and who was seldom absent from its sessions. The pioneer father of this Classis, and one of the oldest of our ministers, has closed his toils and labors in the church militant, since our last meeting. Hence it becomes our duty to record the death of Father Weisz, who died in the triumphs of that faith, which, for so many years, it was his priviledge to preach to his fellow-men. We should all feel our selves admonished to make sure proof of our ministry, for we must all, in a short time, give an account of our stewardship. "There fore, be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.' "

The reports placed in the hands of your committee, from the various Classes, generally present us with encouragement to go forward, and to continue faithful in our work in the Lord's vinyard. The divinely appointed means, for the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the nourishment of the divine life in Gods people, have been in a great measure, accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Sinners have been converted or born of God; saints have had their faith strengthened in the atoning blood of the immaculate Redeemer; their hopes confirmed in the precious promises of the Gospel of the Son of God, and their hearts encouraged to go forward in the name and strength of their Divine Master.

We regard the reports, so far as we have been able to examine them to be *generally* favorable.

We note in this direction,

A spirit of harmony and concert in all that pertains to our Zion Whilst other denominations of Christians have been distracted and convulsed by vexed questions, our church has still continued one. The general and prevailing tendency is now, as it ever should be, to a closer union among the different Classes. This, we believe, is not only the case with the classes, but also with the different members, with but very few exceptions. May we all be enabled to exercise that charity towards each other, which thinketh no ill, and which suffereth long; and which will enable us to rejoice in each others prosperity, and sympathise with those who are in adversity.

An indication of growing prosperity is found in the fact, that one new classis, in the far West, and a large number of churches in different sections within the bounds of Synod, have been organized; a number of new pastoral charges formed, and large additions are reported to our membership. The number of candidates for the Gospel ministry has been increased, but the supply does not meet the demand of the increase and extention of the church.

There seems also a greater degree of earnestness manifested to return to the landmarks of our fathers; viz; the more fully to indoctrinate the membership of our church, in the fundamental truths of the Bible and the Heidelberg Catechism. "There is, however, no dis-

position to do this at the expense of personal piety in the least, as it is more and more felt, that no experience can be permanent or lasting which is not based on *truth*, and that both head and heart must be sanctified by a current of religious life, which is deeper than either."

The ordinances of the Lord's house are regarded as being not merely emblematical, but as life-bearing and invigorating to those who have the necessary conditions in themselves to approach these sacred mysteries. The force is regarded as being in the ordinances, and faith in Christ as being necessary to make it available.

There are also discouraging features presented in the various reports. It is feared that many of our people are merely negatively righteous. In many instances, the gospel evidences of a positive righteousness, are entirely wanting. The Saviour's command is, "He that loveth me, keepeth my commandments." It is not enough to forsake the old way of sin, but we must walk in the new way of holiness.

The subject of systematic benevolence deserves particularly to be noticed, which has not received that attention which it demands, and which the Synod had reason to expect from the different congregations. Nearly all our pastors and their charges have reason to confess themselves guilty in this matter, of very great and palpable neglect; and need to be stirred up to greater diligence and activity.

Among the unfortunate tendencies in the present condition of Religion in our church and country, your committee cannot help noticing the increasing desecration of the holy Sabbath. It must be admitted by all, that the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest and religious worship, is an inestimable blessing to a people; and we, therefore, so much the more lament that influences are silently, but powerfully, at work around us, and even within the pale of the Christian church, lowering the standard of respect for the Lord's Day, and turning it into a day of worldliness and bodily recreation, and in many cases, even of sinful pleasure and dissipation. The ministry, who stand upon the walls of Zion, should lift up the voice to stay this flood at its commencement, rather than to wait until their earnest protest shall be powerless to stop or to correct the evil.

We have great reason, in view of the several facts noticed, to be grateful to Almighty God, for what he has done for us, as a church, during the year. At the same time, new occasion is furnished us for confidence in the continuation of God's mercy in the future. For all God's goodness and mercy, we would ascribe unto God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, all power, glory and dominion, both now and forever. Amen.

J. HELLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary make the following report.

That after the election of the present Board of Trustees, at Fairgeld, Ohio, in May last, the Board met and organize by the election of Rev. D. Winters, as President, G. G. Prugh, Secretary, and Thomas Schaeffer, of Dayton, O. as Treasurer.

During the past year nothing very special has occurred requiring the attention of Synod, except the fact that we are not in so favorable a position as to funds for the immediate use of the Seminary, as we were at our last report. True, we have Plainfield bonds and notes, as endowment fund, the interest of which would nearly meet the Professor's salary, if punctually paid; but alas, these bonds are scattered all over the bounds of Synod, and we are sorry to say that Pastors take but little interest in the collection thereof, and many do not even pay their own indebtedness to the Board.

The Board at its last session has, however, taken measures to secure the collection of out standing interests, over four years, and hopes by this course, to be relieved from the necessity of legal process. Nor has the Board been relieved by the course recommended by Synod to the Classes, and by the Classes to the Pastors and congretions, of taking up collections for the Seminary. Like the previous years, these resolutions remain upon the minutes a "dead letter," as but few have responded. Hence the Board is sorry to report a small deficit in the payment of the Professor's salary for the last quarter, which the Treasurer's report will more fully show.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS, *Pres. Board Theol. Seminary.*

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

Thomas Schaeffer, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

FUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

1859.			Dr.
May 14,	To balance on hand,		$33 57
20,	" subscription, per Rev. J. Hoyman,		40 00
	" do do Kettyman,		2 00
	" interest of Rev. J. B. Thompson,		6 00
	" " Jonas Michael,		10 00
	" " J. Richards,		6 00
	" " J. Royer		7 00
	" " J. Sonendecker		3 00
26,	" " J. Bunn		20 00
June 3,	" " Jesse Peterson		6 00
	" " Abel Peterson		3 00
9,	" " P. Pence		6 00
	" " D. Wilkins		11 00

July 7,	"	" Joseph Coblentz		6 00
22,	"	" J. Steel		1 50
Aug. 9,	"	" W. Marshall		3 00
17,	"	" John Prugh		6 00
	"	" H. Bott		3 00
27,	"	cash of W. Jenkins, per Note		10 00
	"	interest do do		2 70
	"	cash of C. Campbell, Note		5 00
Sept. 1,	"	interest of A. H. Baughman		6 00
	"	" Mary Baughman		6 00
5,	"	" J. Reedy		3 00
14,	"	" Maria Dressler		3 00
	"	" H. Zigler		6 00
	"	" S. Crist		6 00
16,	"	" M. Weimer		12 12
Oct. 6,	"	collection in Beaver Congregation, per Rev. Prugh,	5 00	
Aug. 9,	"	" Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge	15 50	
Jan. 2, '60,	"	" do do do	9 00	
				29 50
	"	" Tiffin Congregation, per Prof. Kieffer,		2 00
	"	" Rev. R. Good,		3 00
12,	"	balance of P. Cost's Note		5 00
Nov. 7,	"	cash of Rev. I. H. Reiter, on loan to Synod		16 00
18,	"	interest of Jesse Prugh		6 00
25,	"	collection, Rev. J. Bossard, Sheboygan		1 00
Dec. 10,	"	cash of Rev. I. H. Reiter, debt of Synod		22 00
19,	"	" Prof. Kieffer on sub		5 00
	"	interest of A. and J. Mast		4 00
	"	do P. Batdorf		3 00
22,	"	do A. Fauber		5 00
1860.				
Jan. 2,	"	do Rev. D. Winters		6 00
	"	do D. H. Prugh, per Rev. D. W		5 00
	"	do J. V. Prugh		3 00
	"	do B. Ewry		3 00
6,	"	cash of J. Giesy		4 00
	"	do H. Leonard		5 00
7,	"	interest of Abel Peterson		9 00
16,	"	do D. Wampler		3 00
19,	"	cash of I. H. Reiter, balance of loan to Synod		7 00
	"	do S. S. Rickly, on sub		2 82
	"	interest of John Royer		6 00
Feb. 29,	"	do J. M. and W. Rader		10 00
March 8	"	do J. Meyer		5 00
9,	"	do S. S. Rickley		30 00
April 10	"	do J. Darner's estate		12 00
16,	"	cash of H. Leonard, Kieffer Sub		5 00
	"	do W. Mauger do		2 00
23,	"	col. of Rev. T. H. Winters, Cæsar's Creek Cong		3 00
24,	"	cash of Rev. J. I. Swander		3 75
30,	"	col. Rev. C. H. Reiter, St. Michael Cong		2 00
	"	do do do St. Paul do		2 00
	"	do do do Mt. Zion do		2 00
	"	do do do Jerusalem do		2 00
	"	J. Musser,		24 00
May 11,	"	cash of West Alexannder charge		11 00
	"	col. in Dayton, Mt. Carmel, and Chambersburg congs		6 00
	"	interest of J. T. Bain, on Note		20 00
17,	"	cash, Somerset charge, Kieffer sub		26 25
	"	do Freeman charge, do		2 00
	"	interest of J. Kuhn		3 00
	"	do W. Marshall, per Rev. D. W		3 00

	" col. of Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg cong	5 00
21,	" do A. H. Baughman, Xenia cong	2 00
	" interest of G. G. Prugh	18 00
26,	" " J. Ridenhaur	9 60
28,	" col. of Basil cong	2 00
29,	" do P. Tendick, Attica	1 00
June 1,	" interest of J. Sonendecker	3 00
	" do W. E. Schmertz	5 00
	" do P. Batdorf	3 00
	" do Rev. J. Richards	12 00
	" do Jacob Rust, per Rev. J. Richards	6 00
	" col. of Rev. D. H. Reiter, Stoystown cong	3 00
	" interest of S. B. Leiter	12 00
2,	" cash of Rev. H. Rust	1 00
	" col. N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge	2 00
	" do W. H. Fenneman, Bluffton charge	2 00
	" do Rev. Russell, Grace church, Pittsburg, Pa.	5 00
	" do Rev. Kefauver, Greensburg cong. Pa	2 55
	" do Rev. Wm. McCaughey, Navarre cong	2 00
	" amount due the Treasury	14 26
		$672 45

1859. CONTRA CR.

Nov. 7,	By loss on Wisconsin Funds	30	
Dec. 19,	" order for services of Treasurer for two years	30 00	
May 15, '60	" paid loss on $5	15	
April 30,	" remittance of J. Musser—lost	24 00	
May 22,	" stamps, envelopes, &c	3 00	
	" paid Prof. Kieffer's salary in full	600 00	
June 2,	" do do on repairs	15 00	
			$672 45
June 2,	By amount due Treas. on settlement, this date		14 26

ENDOWMENT FUND.

		Dr.
May 14, '59,	To balance on hand, on settlement	343 84
July 22. "	" do of Steel's Bond, per Rev. P. C. P.	25 00
April 10, '60,	" amount of J. Darner's Bond, per Ridenhaur	100 00
		468 84

CONTRA CR.

May 22, '60,	By Note of Thos. Schaeffer, at 8 per cent. secured by mortgage	468 84

3.—*Report of the committee on the Library.*

The Committee on the Library, Rev. J. J. Escher, reported that there had been an addition of 83 volumes to the Library of the Theological Seminary, during the last year.

4.—*Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary respectfully submit to Synod, the following report:

The Board attended the examination of the Theological students, at the close of each term, in the Seminary. The examinations, in both instances were approved. The students have been diligent in their studies; exemplary in their deportment, and promise fair for usefulness in the church. There were in connection with the Institution, during the year, 9 students. The Board still labors under great pecuniary embarrassment. Though the number of beneficiary students is smaller than it has been for some years previous, their wants have not been supplied, and the promises of the Board but partially redeemed. This is an evil much to be deprecated, not only because it greatly disappoints and discourages our worthy and pious young men who are looking forward to the ministry, but also because it reflects most seriously upon the character of the Board and the church. Better, we think, not make any promises at all, than invariably to fail in redeeming them. We are not without faith, however, in the brethren, or in the church; we entertain the hope that they will speedily come to our relief, and furnish the necessary means for carrying on the important work of educating the poor, but pious young men of the church for the high and holy office of the Christian ministry. The Board of Education feels a deep and anxious concern, in view of the intrinsic and growing importance of the work committed to their supervision by the Synod. The revivals of religion, with which many of our churches have been favored, have not increased the number of candidates for the ministry, whilst the growth of our population, and the expansion of our territory, create new and multiplying demands for ministers. The providential extension of the work to be done by this and the other Boards of the Church, calls for the necessity of enlarging and extending their operations, just as the constant and increasing supplies of four or five mighty rivers necessitate an expansion of volume and of moving power, in order that they may impart fertility and beauty to all the countries through which they pass. This Board record with devout gratitude to God, His favor during another year; and they earnestly ask the continued prayers, co-operation and beneficence of the church. Thus sustained, their operations will be enlarged. To pause midway, in a glorious career, is at once to forfeit our pledges and frustrate our hopes; to jeopard the future and pour dishonor on the past. God never smiled upon

an enterprise in order to produce imbecility, but to inspire hope and quicken action. In the life of the church as of the individual christian, not to advance is to recede; to stand still is simply impossible. Hence the invariable law, in every department of our efforts, in Missions, Foreign and Domestic, in our Literary and Theological Institutions—has been perpetual progress and expansion. And this law has been our life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ESCHER, *Secretary of the Board.*

5.—*Report of the committee on the Theological Seminary.*

Your committee on the Theological Seminary, would submit the following report:

From the documents placed in our hands, we learn with pleasure, that the operations of the Seminary have been carried forward during the past Synodical year without interruption, and that the several Boards have also attended to the respective duties assigned them. The students also (of whom there have been nine in attendance) in their course of instruction during the past year, are said to have made commendable progress, and have been exemplary in their deportment.

The Professor's salary has been paid to the 1st of May, 1860.—The Board of Trustees, in view of their past earnest efforts to meet the current expenses of the Seminary, feel themselves constrained to call Synod's attention to the fact that there are due the Treasurer in notes and interest on Plainfield bonds about three thousand dollars. On some of these bonds there is interest due, varying from four to ten years. This state of things very seriously embarrasses the operations of the Board. Besides, the plan recommended at the last meeting of Synod, to take up collections in all the pastoral charges, for the immediate use of the Seminary, has proved an almost total failure.

The increasing demand of the church in order to meet the wants of the German element, requires an increase of teaching force in the Seminary. In view of this fact, the St. Joseph's Classis at its late session recommends the appointment of the Rev. J. Lichtenstein to the German Professorship in the Seminary. In view of these considerations, your committee would in conclusion, submit the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, be instructed to continue their earnest efforts in the collection of the notes and interest due on Plainfield bonds, and such as are in arrears on interest over four years in case payment is not made during the coming year, be requested to give notes for said interest.

2. *Resolved*, That there be an assessment made on the several Classes, for the necessary amount requisite for the immediate use of the Seminary.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod appoint Rev. E. E. Higbee, as Librarian.

4. *Resolved*, That so soon as the funds will admit, the German Professorship be filled in the Theological Seminary, to meet the wishes of the German portion of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WILLIARD.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, for the year ending May*, 1860.

As the meeting of the Synod arrives previous to the annual meeting of the Board, no official action can be taken in preparing an annual report. Yet the Executive Committee deem it a duty to present a brief review of the operations of the College during the year.

It will be seen by the accompanying report of the Treasurer, that the financial condition of the College is steadily improving; yet the Board are constantly embarrassed in their efforts, for the want of funds. Gladly would the Board respond to the wishes of many friends of the College, and fill up the Faculty by the election of a President, wholly devoted to the Institution, and a Professor of German Literature, but we have not the means.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, the following resolution was passed:

That in the judgment of the Board, it is of the highest importance to provide efficiently for the German interests of the Institution; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the purpose of this Board, to elect a German Professor, as soon as the funds of the Institution will possible allow.

The Board feel that in the execution of their trust, they are only the agents of the church, and as such, wholly dependent on the liberality of the church, to meet her demands.

There is pressing necessity also for funds to put the rooms of the College in comfortable repair. The institution for training the children of the church, should be made pleasant, and not repulsive.

The total number of students in attendance, for the year ending June 1, 1860, is as follows:

Number of College Students,	(regular),	20
do do do	(irregular),	10
do Preparatory do	(department),	65
do Ladies,		8
Total,		103

It will thus be seen, that however desirable it is to establish a thorough collegiate course, for some time to come at least, the Board must cherish the preparatory department.

The amendments to the constitution, heretofore submitted to the Synod, having been adopted, it now devolves on the Synod, to elect a Board of twenty-four members; one-fourth for one year; one-fourth for two years, one-fourth for three years, and one-fourth for four years.

The Board also cheerfully report their appreciation of the self-sacrificing labors of H. Leonard, the Agent of the Institution, and hope that, by a continuance of his labors, and the liberality and prayers of the church, Heidelberg College will become what its founders desired—a nursery of the church.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

J. PELAN, *Secretary*

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of Heidelberg College.*

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

To Contingent Fund of Heidelberg College, Dr.

May 28, 1860, To amount received from interest on scholarship notes, tuition, and other sources $1324 98

Cr.

By amount paid out,..... 1238 42

Balance, ... $86 56

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

To account with Endowment Fund of Heid. College, *Dr.*

May 28, 1860, To amount received in full,..... $817 00

Cr

By amount invested and on hand,..... $817 00

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

To Building Fund, *Dr.*

May 28, 1860, To amount received in full,.....$69 72

Cr.

By amount passed to Contingent Fund,....$69 72

That under the Contingent Fund credited as paid out does not include the Treasurer's salary, and that as charged against the Treasurer, only includes the amount received by the Treasurer from the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, up to February, 1860.

I herewith also inclose to you a statement of the indebtedness of the College:

Rev. Dr. Kieffer,	$150 00.
Prof. J. H. Good,	540 00
Prof. R. Good,	598 00
Prof. Higbee,	120 00
Total,	$1,408 00

At the close of the present session, or rather on the 1st day of July, there will be due the Professors, the following sums, in addition:

Prof. Kieffer,	$100 00
Prof J. H. Good,	300 00
Prof. R. Good,	300 00
Prof. Higbee,	200 00
Total,	$900 00

To meet this amount, we have the amount received by the Cont. Treasurer, to me not known since February, and the interest due upon investments made, and that due upon scholarship notes. I am aware that this can give but poor satisfaction, but it is the best that can now be given.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. BREWER, *Treasurer.*

May 28th, 1860.

3.—*Report of the Agent of Heidelberg College.*

Since my last report to the Synod at Fairfield, Greene County, Ohio, as found in the Minutes of 1859, I can again repeat what I then stated, "that through the hearty co-operation of the Ministers and Members of our Church, and the blessing of God, I have succeeded well." I might say that my success has been equal, if not better, all things considered, than the former year, especially so when it is remembered that the "June frost" of 1859, together with the money crisis, made it anything but encouraging for me to enter on a new year.

It will be seen by the annexed report that I have raised for the endowment fund, from the 17th of May, 1859, to the 1st of May, 1860, ten thousand one hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents! This includes the Michigan Compromise, besides the amount received for building fund or immediate use.

The number of miles travelled during the year, was three thousand six hundred and forty-three. Since the 22nd of January, 1857, to the 1st of May, 1860, in all, twelve thousand nine hundred and fifty-one miles.

H. LEONARD, Agent Heidelberg College, Dr.

To amount of Notes due Heidelberg College and building fund on hand, to May 17th, 1859, (See Minutes of Synod 1859, page 38.)...		$361 08
To amount of Donations in Notes and Money, received for building fund and immediate use from the 17th of May, 1859, to May 1, 1860,.....		268 50
"Crumbs from the young people" during same period, from No. 662 to No. 987,.....		147 34
Total,.....		$776 92

Travelling Expenses.

Trip No. 20, being part of May, 1859,.....	$ 2 60	
" 21, " " June, "	12 90	
" 22, " " July, "	12 78	
" 23, " " Aug. "	13 30	
" 24, " " Sept. "	9 25	
" 25, " " Oct. "	1 06	
" 26, " " Nov. & Dec. '59,.....	23 38	
" 27, January, ...1860,.....	10 07	
" 28, February and March, ".....	15 25	
" 29. April,.....".....	12 36	
Total amount of travelling expenses,...	$112 95	
July 11, 1859, paid J. H. Riley & Co. for Books,	6 00	
Dec. 23, " " " for paper & print.	7 50	
Receipt for the Banage note,.....	100 00	
Agents receipt to Treasurer,.....	62 00	$288 45

Building fund notes in the hands of the Agent,.....	$488 47
Notes for Endowment fund obtained during the year, and handed over to the Treasurer,.....	$10,162 50

Respectfully submitted,
H. LEONARD, Agent Heidelberg College.

4.—*Report of Committee on Heidelburg College.*

The following subjects were submitted to the consideration of your committee, which we herewith submit, with a few suggestions:

1. The report of the Secretary of the Executive Committee of Heidelberg College, accompanied by a statement of the Treasurer of the College.

2. A petition of thirteen members of the Marion Charge.

3. A complaint of Tiffin Classis, having reference to the election of an English Professor in the place of a German.

4. The report of Mr. H. Leonard, Agent of Heidelberg College.

Since items two and three refer to the German Professorship, as well as the first part of the report of the Trustees, we cannot refrain from calling your attention to the importance of this subject. The Institution at Tiffin, although not alone designed for the German Reformed Church, but also for students of other denominations, is nevertheless under the management of our church, and it has for its primary object, to give the children of the church a strictly Christian education, by which they may be prepared for their different professions. Its chief object is, to be a nursery for the Seminary, so that we may have ministers armed and ready for the battles of the world; ready to speak to their own people in a language sanctified and purified by their Christian education. The missionary field of our church is amongst the Germans and the English, and as long as the present immigration continues, its chief object is to gather the German Reformed material, and to found missions in the large cities, thus far mainly neglected. To do this effectually, our ministers should not only be able to preach German, but also to speak it grammatically and syntactically, in all its native beauty, clearness and definitiveness. Hence, our students should enjoy a thorough German education, which demands a German Professor in our College.

We are sorry to see from the report of the Executive Committee, that the present state of their funds does not allow of this, although they have resolved upon so doing hereafter.

Whereas, we have no complete statement of the actual condition of the endowment fund—no official report having been presented for years; and whereas, we learn from a resolution of Tiffin Classis, that an English Professor was appointed instead of a German one; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod sincerely regrets that the finances of the College have not justified the Trustees in electing a regular German Professor for that department of the College.

2. *Resolved*, That under present circumstances, Synod considers it altogether necessary that a German Professor be elected at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, who shall commence the duties of his office as soon as the necessary funds permit.

The Trustees of the College complain, that the rooms of the building at Tiffin, cannot be repaired on account of a want of funds; in truth, the whole building ought to be repaired, and in order to accomplish this soon for the benefit of the institution, therefore, Resolved, That our agent, H. Leonard be requested and empowered to collect the nesessary amount for this object.

The request of 13 members of the Marion charge, that Synod either do full justice to the German language in the Institution at Tiffin, or permit them to withhold their money until their request is granted; might be justified in this, that the German language

did not receive the attention which it ought to have received. but we hope that the petitioners will exercise patience, as the intention of Synod may be seen in the first part of this report; therefore

Resolved, That we cannot grant the second request of the petitioners, and consider it as unnecessary, inasmuch as Synod will attend to all the wants of the Germans.

The report of our agent presents very pleasant facts. His success was better than could be expected under the circumstances, and whilst we as a Synod express our thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for his signal blessing in this important work, we ought to be thankful for the exertions of our beloved agent, therefore—

Resolved, That Synod expresses its thanks to our efficient agent and request him to continue his labors for the welfare of the church.

J. B. KNIEST, *Chairman.*

In connection with the above it was, on motion—

Resolved, That Synod recommend to the Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College, the purchase of the property of Rev. H. J. Rutenick, lying contiguous to the College building, if they deem it advisable.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

1.—*Report of the Board of Domestic Missions.*

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—In presenting our annual report upon the work and labor of missions, we desire, as a Board, to acknowledge our entire dependence upon the Divine blessing for all the success with which our efforts have been attended. "It is so easy to err, after taking the best counsel, and it takes so little to prostrate an enterprise begun under the most flattering circimstances," that it is to the wisdom and providence of God, that we are indebted for the encouraging results of our plans and efforts. With a consciousness of the presence of their great and glorious Head, our missionaries have been enabled to stand firm at their post, enduring labor and fatigue, in season and out of season, with almost apostolic zeal, for the spread of the gospel and the upbuilding of the Redeemer's Kingdom. It is indeed a great thing to be a faithful missionary, but the reward, in all its rich fullness, comes not until the "resurrection of the just."

That the church may the better understand our work, we lay before it the usual survey of our operations.

OLD MISSIONS.

1. The English mission church of Cincinnati still continues under the pastorate of Rev. S. Mease. No important changes have taken place here since our last report. The congregation now numbers thirty-four members. Three were received during the year, by confirmation and 3 by letter, and six by baptism. The Sabbath school and Bible class are both large, and regularly attended. Bro. Mease preaches twice each Sabbath, and lectures once during the week. The congregation still worships in their lecture room. An effort, however, is now being made to secure funds for the erection of a church. It is to be hoped that the church abroad will respond promptly to any call that may be made upon it, as upon the erection of a house depends the permanency of the mission. That an English Reformed church ought to be firmly established in the city of Cincinnati, we suppose none will doubt, but it will require labor and patience, and means. The appropriation still continues at $200.

2. The Second German Reformed church, of Cincinnati, is still served by its indefatigable and worthy pastor, the Rev. C. Saure. The growth of this congregation has been almost unparalleled. They worship in a rented church, capable of seating eight hundred persons. The regular audience is from four to five hundred. On Easter Sabbath their church was crowded to an overflow, and twenty-five persons were confirmed. They already number 309 members, and a more pious and devoted people can hardly be found. Eighty-five persons have been received into this church during the year. There were baptized since our last report 121. Their Sabbath school numbers over 200 members. Contributions for benevolent objects, $166 78. Prayer meeting and weekly lecture, which are by no means the least important to the healthy state of any congregation, are well sustained. From present appearances, this mission will become self-supporting at the close of the year. The appropriation is $125.

3. First German church of Dayton. Pastor—The Rev. E. F. Loeders; number of members, 99; received, 40; baptized, 27; confirmed, 8; one Sabbath school of 80 scholars. This little congregation, during the year, completed a very neat and beautiful brick church, and their effort in paying for it, succeeded far beyond their most sanguine expectations. A debt still rests upon it, but it is to be hoped that it will not embarrass their future prosperity. The state of piety is good, and the self-sacrificing labors of Bro. Loeders have been abundantly blessed of God. The salary of this missionary is entirely too low. His appropriation continues at $50.

4. Toledo. Here the Rev. H. Eschmier still continues his labors. His appropriation has been reduced to $50. The congregation is growing in numbers, but slowly. The membership, however, are pious, and with their faithful pastor, are devoted to the interests of

the church. For their church and organ they are still a few hundred dollars in debt. This mission was visited lately by a member of the Board, who reports that, it is in a prosperous condition. They number 120 members; received during the year, six families; baptized 20. They have a Sabbath school and a Bible class, but no prayer meeting. The mission is German.

5. Terre Haute, Ind. In May last, with the consent of the Board, Rev. F. W. Steffens left this field, and removed to Linton, in the same State. In July, the Rev. H. Kortheuer took charge of this mission, with an appropriation from the Board of $100. Since then he has been laboring earnestly, and that, too, with considerable effect. He received four members into the church, and baptized nine. Their Sabbath school is increasing in interest and usefulness. The whole number of members is 42. The missionary reports that they "have many praying members, but no meeting for social prayer; that the congregation is active and energetic, and is straining every nerve to make this charge self-supporting. We owe $700 on the church, but principally to members who are doing all they can to promote the interest of the church." The mission is German.

6. Attica, Seneca county, Ohio. Rev. P. Tendick continues the faithful missionary of this charge. It has two regular congregagations and one preaching place. It numbers 154 members. Received during the year, 16 by confirmation and 5 by letter; baptized 26. It has two Sabbath schools, but "prayer meetings are not yet regularly established." The missionary feels somewhat discouraged because of the limitation of his field. He had hoped to receive two congregations from neighboring charges; then this would have been self-supporting, but was disappointed, The appropriation was $60. It is now reduced to $40. The mission is principally German.

7. Findlay, Ohio. On the 1st of July last, the Rev. H. Kortheuer left this field, and was succeeded by Rev. H. E. C. Schutte, with an appropriation from the Board of $75. The mission has five congregations, and two preaching points not yet organized. The congregations have 140 members; several were received during the year, and 30 are now in a course of preparation for church membership; baptized 18. The mission has one Sabbath school and one prayer meeting. Bro. Schutte thus writes: "The state of piety is encouraging, at least in four of our congregations; and at these points I can preach with cheerfulness and warmth of heart, of which I previously knew but little, and I know that my dear Master has blessed my efforts there, and I will trust him for the future. I expect the Board will ensure me $100 next year, for it is impossible for me to preach with efficiency, if I can not employ the little time I have to spare in studying. Since I have been here I have had to drag out my existence under the greatest self-denial—preaching not less than twice every Sabbath, and traveling on foot, averaging ten miles. And besides this, I often preach during the week,

and hold my prayer meeting in town." The Board gave the congregation in Findlay notice, that unless it would soon adopt the constitution of the German Reformed Church, its support would be withheld. The field is principally German.

8. Fremont, Ohio. At the end of last year, the pastor of this field (Rev. J. Heller) reported to the Board, that it would be impossible for him to continue his labors here, unless the appropriation would be renewed. Accordingly the Board renewed the commission, but reduced the appropriation to $50. The mission is in a flourishing state. It has two regularly organized congregations, and two other preaching points. It numbers 68 members; a Bible class, Sabbath school, and prayer meeting. The mission is prevailly English.

9. Upper Sandusky. Here the Rev. P. Joerris' commission expired on the 1st of August last, at which time he left the field. The mission is still unsupplied.

10. Beardstown, Ill. This mission was vacated last May, by the resignation of Rev. C. Schiller. Last fall it was again supplied by the Rev. E. Toensmeier. An application for an appropriation of $50 has been made to the Board, but for the want of funds it has not yet been granted.

11. Bowling Green, Ind. This mission, formerly under the care of the Board, and supplied by the Rev. T. Etter, remains still unsupplied with a pastor.

DISCONTINUED.

Jefferson Mission, Ohio. Here the labors of the Rev. Andrew Butt were crowned with so much success, that at the end of the first year the mission became self-supporting, and is now a most inviting and promising part of the church.

NEW MISSIONS.

1. Oskaloosa, Iowa. Since our last report, the Board commissioned the Rev. J. H. Buser to this place, with an appropriation of $200. He has already two congregations and five other preaching points. The principal point of operation is designed to be Oskaloosa. Number of members, 65; baptized, 14; confirmed, 13; added by letter, 13; Sabbath schools 2, and two prayer meetings. The Board regards this as one of its most important missions. Oskaloosa, situated in the midst of one of the finest of countries, is fast becoming a city of considerable importance. We highly approve of the course of our missionary in behalf of the church in the country. Under the blessing of Heaven, with such labor, he will soon be able to call to his side another laborer in the Gospel. He and his family note the reception of several donations, from the church abroad, with the most tender and affectionate regard. But like all other missionaries, he has his own discouragements. He says in his report: "We are called to labor here under great disadvantages, and particularly so, in view of the fact that we have no

house of worship of our own. In the city, it is especially a very great drawback to our prosperity. Ever since I came here, our place of worship has been subject to continual changes. This we feel to be an important matter, as it affects the entire mission." They ought to have a house, and with proper sympathy from abroad, they think they could build one; and shall they not have such sympathy. This mission was cheered, last fall, by a visit from the Treasurer of the Board. With the consent of the missionary, we have reduced the appropriation to $175.

2. Akron, Ohio. At the request of the Sandusky Classis, this field was taken under the care of the Board, and the Rev. J. Schlosser, the former pastor, was commissioned, with an appropriation of $100. At the end of his third quarter he resigned his field. This mission cost the Board $68 50, all of which, however, was collected in the same field.

3. Corydon, Harrison county, Ind. This field was originally explored by our Misssionary Superintendent. After the patience of the people had become almost exhausted in waiting for a man of God to come into their midst, and break unto them the bread of life, the Board secured the services of the Rev. L. Rike, and on the 1st of September commissioned him, with an appropriation of $200, to take charge of this mission. Since then our brother has been laboring there with great acceptance, and much success. This people gathered around him like so many soldiers around an esteemed general. Many, both in town and in the country, listen to his preaching, and with eager minds and hearts, catch the truth as it falls from his lips. To supply their wants, he confines himself too closely, and studies too hard for the good of his somewhat feeble constitution. But he is not without his Aarons and Hurs to stand under his arms. He has organized two congregations, and has two other preaching points. He has 50 members. Added, after careful catechetical instruction, by confirmation, 16; baptized 2. In town, through the kindness of the Presbyterians, he was invited to preach in their church. In the country, with the Lutherans, they are now building a new church, to be finished this fall. Corydon and the surrounding country is a very interesting field for our church, and it is to be hoped that the present missionary will be so blessed of God as to be permitted to labor long and acceptably with the "little flock." This mission is entirely English.

4. Astoria, Fulton county, Ill. The Rev. J. Stoneberger was, on the 1st of August, 1859, commissioned to this field, with an appropriation of $100. The mission has one congregation in Astoria, and one in Summum, also a preaching point in Sylva. The whole number of members is 47. Confirmed 11; received by certificate 3; baptized 10. Being destitute of their own house of worship, they have no Sabbath school nor prayer meeting. The members, however, mingle in these with other denominations. This is an important and interesting field, and should the feeble health of the present missionary be restored, so as to enable him to push

forward his work with energy and zeal, his labors will doubtless triumph. But this mission has its dark as well as its bright side. "I have not," writes the missionary, "been without success, and I have not been without difficulties. Would that the success were greater and the difficulties less. Like many other missions, one of the obstacles to success is the want of church buildings. O that we had a fund, out of which to supply this great want!" The salary of Bro. Stoneberger is now quite too small, yet his self-sacrificing spirit for the general good of the church is such, that he is willing to have his next year's appropriation reduced to $50. This mission is English.

5. Linton, Greene county, Ind. The Rev. F. W. Steffens was commissioned to this field in August last. He represented the field as important and promising. Receiving a call from Louisville, he resigned this, but not until he had secured the promise of another brother to take the field. The promise, however, was never fulfilled, and the mission is still vacant. The appropriation was $50. The field is German.

6. Shelbyville, Ill. After having visited this field, the Rev. H. K. Baines was commissioned, on the 1st of October, to take charge of it, with an appropriation of $200. At first every thing seemed bright and glowing, but soon clouds of darkness gathered over it, which seemed, for the time, to threaten its very existence. In town, crowds came to hear the missionary preach, but for the want of members, he failed to effect an organization. Having no house of worship, for a while he preached for the Presbyterians, in their house, but this was found to be taking too much time from the congregations in the country; hence it was finally abandoned. In the country he succeeded in organizing two congregations of considerable promise, now numbering 24 members. He has received into the church 14; baptized 9; has four Sabbath schools and one prayer meeting. These congregations, with the assistance of citizens in Shelbyville, and a considerable sacrifice on the part of the pastor, have now completed a comfortable parsonage in town. This gives the mission a permanent hold in that place, and will enable the missionary to devote, still, a portion of his time to the town; so that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, his efforts here, will, in the end, doubtless be crowned with success.

During Bro. Baines short pastorate here, his trials have been great, and his faith has been sorely tried. A few months since, his co-laborer in the work of the Lord, and partner of his bosom, was taken to her rest, thus leaving him a lonely widower, and his little ones without a mother; and that too at a time when they could least do without her. Will the Lord, with his abiding presence, cheer our bereaved brother, and will he illuminate the deep, dark valley of affliction, through which he is now calling him to pass! Will He, who tempers the winds to the shorn lambs, remember kindly the aching hearts of those dear little children!

Touching upon his afflictions, our missionary, in his last report,

says: "Give my love to all the brethren at Synod, and tell them to pray for their poor afflicted brother. But in all this I will stand by my post. I feel like being more faithful than ever, since she who worked by my side has gone to her reward, and I know that if faithful, I shall soon follow." This mission is entirely English.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

Soon after the last meeting of Synod, the Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. W. K. Zieber. resigned his commission, and again retired to the more private duties of the pastor. The Board accepted his resignation, but it still feels the necessity of a general superintency. There is, however, a difference of opinion as to the precise form under which it should be conducted.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

No business has been transacted in reference to this subject, since no money or notes have come into our hands. The loan to the Terre Haute church still continues.

CERTIFICATE OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The Board received, during the year, one hundred copies, for which it paid $25, and freight.

As a matter of interest to the church, the Board would state, that the average salary of her missionaries is entirely too low, being only $300. For this the missionaries themselves are to blame, as well as the church. Many are by far too timid in presenting to their people the just claims of the Gospel. They are willing rather to suffer than to make known their true wants. The proper support of the pastor is a part of religion, and the membership especially should be made to feel this. The appropriations of the Board, we confess, are too small to free our missionaries from pecuniary embarrassment, yet the amount called for, by those who are now in the field, for the coming year, is not less than $1100. Quite a number of new fields should be taken up during the coming year. The Board adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each mission be required to pay the amount subscribed for the pastor's salary, before the Board will renew the appropriation.

Resolved, That each missionary be required to present to his people, the cause of missions, and take up for the purpose, colletions at least once a year.

During the year, the President of the Board visited quite a number of our fields, and from the cheering effect these visits had upon both pastors and people, we are lead to infer, that could he make one such visit to each mission during the year, much good would be accomplished. The expenses of such visits have generally been freely paid by the people themselves.

Through the kindness of our worthy Treasurer, the quarterage of our missionaries was always promptly paid, upon the receipt of an

order from the President. In this way our obligations were met in every instance, to our zealous and toiling missionaries.

The Board still continues to have her attention turned towards the large cities and more central places of the West. But at present there are insurmountable difficulties in the way of establishing missions in these places. We have no properly qualified men, who are willing to put themselves under the care of the Board, saying, "Here are we, send us." Nor, from present appearances, will we soon have them, unless parents of the church can be brought to feel and acknowledge the duty of educating their sons, who have piety and talent, for the Gospel ministry. There are poor young men, of fine talent and of a proper Christian spirit, who would become ministers of the blessed Jesus, but the perplexing question is continually rising up before them, "How shall we acquire the qualifications for so great a work." Such fields require men of not only pious hearts, but also of strong minds and cultivated intellects; hence many of our brethren shrink from entering them.

Another difficulty which meets us at every turn in our missionary operations is the great and increasing want of funds. This is extensively felt by our missionaries already in the field; their appropriations being necessarily small. In spite of all their economy pecuniary embarrassments become a fruitful source of discouragement and trouble. In those large cities, where a church, if once established, would tell powerfully for the interests of our own Zion, as well as for the cause of religion in general, appropriations must necessarily be much larger, or embarrassments will become much greater. We ought to have churches in Chicago, Milwaukie, Freeport, &c., and it is a burning shame that we have them not—a sin for which we may yet be called to account. In places like these, the missionary must not only be supported, but to insure success, we must also assist in building churches. Had we the heart to do this, it would require from a large portion of our church members, only the sacrifice of their superfluities, the relinquishment of a little bit of property, or a small share of that gold and silver, of which many have too much for the good of their souls; *Mark x.* 25. Many who have never learned the duty of giving to charitable and religious objects, would rise to heaven much easier with a part of this load taken off.

To be efficient in our missionary work, the Board feels that she must have a more general and hearty co-operation of the entire church. We are sorry that in this respect there is quite a want of general sympathy and unity of effort. One classis, that had long refused to act with Synod's Board, at the last meeting of Synod, through her delegates, proposed, upon certain conditions, to unite with us in their efforts. These conditions were heartily complied with on our part. But the classis, at its next meeting, asked again to be released. Another influential classis has made no contribution to the Board during the year, beyond the filling of a pledge for last year. Still another, in which four missionaries are laboring under

the care of the Board, appointed their own Superintendent of missions without any reference to the parent Board.

Through the influence of our German periodical, the "Evangelist," the German portion of the church had become somewhat prejudiced against the operations of the Board; hence, but a limited supply of funds came into the treasury from that source. With the German missionaries themselves, we have no difficulty. The most perfect harmony prevails between them and the Board; nor have we failed in a single instance fo make appropriations wherever the field gave promise of success. These things have all conspired to leave our treasury in a worse condition than it was at the time of our last report. Unless a permanent assurance can be given that more attention will be paid to the collecting of funds this year, it would be wise for the Board, either to cut down the appropriations now made, and discontinue some altogether, or make no appropriations during the year, either of which ought to lead us, as a church, to "repent in sack cloth and ashes."

O when shall we be prepared to take up the song of the church, and with it make melody in our hearts before the Lord? "Awake, O north wind, and come thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden and eat his pleasant fruits."

If our church has been slow in her progress, feeble in her efforts, and wanton in her great mission, then to the ministry must we look, first, for a reformation. They are the captains and standard-bearers of the Lord's hosts; and if the people come not up to the help of the Lord," to the help of the Lord against the mighty, it is because the *leaders* have not gone up, nor have they given them the command of their great Captain and Head.

If they would unseal the fountain of men's liberality and if they would cause the waters of charity to flow out freely and constantly, they must approach them with something better than an eloquent speech simply, a well told anecdote, a pointed jest, a touching appeal to sympathy, or the low spirit of rivalry, as is too frequently done. They must teach the people to believe, in their hearts, that it is a blessed thing to give,—more blessed than to receive, and that God has made it their duty to give. That he asks them in this way to do good, that they may become more like himself.

Beneficence is a duty inseparable to religion itself. Matt. 25, last part. From this we infer, that at the great judgment day charity to the distressed, and who is more distressed than the sinner, whether he feels it or not, or the church member destitute of preaching, will be selected as the key to the whole life and test to the whole character. The minister must himself believe and teach the people, that our holy religion is a religion of giving; that charity is as clearly a duty as repentance and as important as prayer. To this firm consideration the church must come, before the treasury of the Lord will overflow,—before the "mountain of the Lord's House will be exalted above the hills."

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, President.

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.*

A. H. Baugaman, *Treasurer,*

In account with B. D. M. of Ger. R. Syn. of O. and adjacent States.

To amount of money received since my last Report to Synod at Fairfield, Ohio, May 18, 1859.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge,		$120 00
Rev. T. H. Winters, Ceasar's Creek charge,		55 00
" " Highland "		
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge,	$41 78	
" " " G. R. S. School,	12 25	54 03
Fairfield charge, Greene county, Ohio,		21 52
Rev. G. W. Williard, Dayton charge,		20 30
Rev. H. Rust, 1st. German Ref. Church, Cincinnati,		33 43
Rev. J. Vogt, New Madison charge,		5 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge,		38 00
Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven-Mile charge,		10 00
Rev. A. C. Kendig, West Alexandria charge,		22 60
Rev. J. Weaver, Port Jefferson charge,		6 00
Rev. C. Saure, 3rd German Ref. Church, Cincinnati,		24 45
Rev. E. F. Loeders, 2nd, German Ref. Church, Dayton,		4 84
Rev. Stoneberger, Astoria Mission, Illinois,		4 00
Collection at Meeting of Classis, St. Paris, O.		6 87
Clayton Congregation,		1 20
Rev. L. Rike, Corydon Mission, Indiana,		17 00
Rev. S. Mease, English Mission, Cincinnati,		5 00
Total,		$449 24

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. C. Klar, Tarlton charge,	14 55
Rev. J. B. Thompson, Delaware charge,	17 25
Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge,	70 00
Rev, N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge,	20 50
Rev. G. W. Williard, collected in said Classis,	68 60
Kinnick-Kinnick Congregation,	96 35
Basil Congregation contributed towards the appropriation made by the Board to Revs. Buser and Baines, Missionaries,	98 81
Total,	$386 05

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

From the Treasurer, balance due last year,	73 00
Rev. G. B. Russell, fare refunded by R. Road Co., to	

members in attendance at Synod at Fairfield, last year,	14 69
Total,	$87 69

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. Wm. McCaughey, Navarre charge,	$10 71
Rev. J. Schlosser, Akron charge,	68 50
Total,	$79 21

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. E. Keller, Bucyrus charge, $29 79	62 44
Bucyrus German Ref. Congregation, per Steiger, 32 65	
Rev. H. Eschmier, Toledo,	1 00
Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Marion charge,	10 00
Rev. J. Knie, Vermillion charge,	6 00
Rev. P. Joerris, Upper Sandusky,	2 26
Rev. F. A. Edmonds, Shelby College,	15 00
Rev. P. Tendick, Windfall charge,	20 00
Rev. D. W. Kelly, Thompson charge,	15 00
Rev. J. Heller, Fremont charge,	5 00
Rev. H. E. C. Schutte, Findlay Mission,	5 00
Rev. D. W. Kelly, Thompson congregation,	16 00
Total,	$158 70

ST. JOSEPH'S CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Kline, Fort Wayne charge,	$20 00
Rev. W. B. Sandoe, St. Joseph charge,	11 97
Total,	$31 97

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. F. W. Steffens, Linton, Indiana,	$6 36
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis, Indiana,	13 00
Total,	$19 30

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. J, Hoyman, Orangeville charge,	$7 00
Rev. H. K. Baines, Shelbyville Mission,	3 45
Total,	$10 45

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

From the Treasurer of Classis,	$50 00
Rev. J. D. Gackenheimer, St. Paul's charge,	4 00
Rev. D. Kemmerer, Wooster charge,	15 04

Rev. J. G. Zahner, Ragersville Missionary Society,....	17 00
Rev. A. H. Kremer, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, ...	15 00
Total, ...	$101 04
Whole amount,.....	$1323 71

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

Ballance due him as per last Report, May 18, 1859,....	$213 04
By cash paid Heller, Missionary at Fremont,.....	70 00
By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, expenses to Huntington, Indiana,.....	2 50
By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, expenses Lancaster Classis,.....	3 80
By cash paid Rev. C. Schiller, Missionary at Beardstown Illinois,.....	12 00
By cash paid for Certificates of Life-membership,.....	25 00
" " Express charges on Certificates, ...	1 00
" " Rev. H. Kortheur, Missionary, Findlay, O	33 33
" " " " " Terre Haute,	75 00
" " C. Saure, Missionary at Cincinnati,.....	143 00
" " F. W. Steffen, Missionary at Terre Haute,	19 00
" " " " " Linton, Ia.,.	13 00
" " Rev. J. H. Buser, Missionary at Oskaloosa, Iowa,.....	200 00
By cash Rev. S. Mease, Missionary at Cincinnati,.....	200 00
" " F. Wall, expenses in moving to Indiana,.	25 00
" " W. K. Zieber, quarterage as Supt. Missions	50 00
" " " travelling expenses,.....	3 25
" " P. Tendick, Missionary at Attica, O.....	60 00
" " P. Joerris, " U. Sandusky, O	16 00
" " E. F. Loeders, " Dayton, O.,...	50 00
" " H. Eschmeier, " Toledo,.....	50 00
" " H. E. C. Schutte, Missionary at Findlay, O	56 00
" " H. K. Baines, expenses to Shelbyville, Ill.	9 38
" " " Missionary at "	100 00
" " J. Schlosser, " Akron, O. ...	68 50
" " J. Stoneberger, " Astoria, Ill...	75 00
" " L. Rike, " Corydon, Ia,..	117 00
" " P. C. Prugh, President of Board, for envelopes, and stamps,.....	9 00
By cash paid Interest on $300, for 12 mos. at 6 per cent.	18 00
Postage on Letters and Envelopes,.....	1 50
" " Rev. P. C. Prugh, expenses and filling up Certificates, ...	3 50
Total,.....	$1723 83
Received,.....	1323 71
	$400 12

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

XENIA, O., May 30, 1860.

3.—*Report of the Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions respectfully offer the following report:—

During the past year, the good work entrusted to our Missionary Board has been, as we learn from their report, carried on with commendable zeal, and a good degree of success. There have been eleven fields under the care of the Board last year, and all of them prosperous; one of this number viz: the Jefferson Mission, Ohio, has become self-supporting.

New points of interests are opening up all around. But to the Macedonian cry which comes from so many places, the Board has been able to respond favorably only to five or six. The other places applying, have been left to wait because the means and men are wanting. The Treasurer's report shows a deficit of four hundred dollars, a fact which should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. The interest of the Church requires us also here to notice the special importance of its mission, located at Cincinnati, which ask for aid from Synod. This Mission is dependent upon, and looks to the Church abroad, for means to erect a church building, which is absolutely demanded for its success. In view of the importance of this point, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, We as a church have gratitude to God for the encouraging measure of success, He has been pleased to bestow on our feeble and inadequate operations.

2. *Resolved*, That the increasing demands for the enlargement of our plans and measures in the field of Home Missions, calls for the earnest efforts of the whole church in behalf of this great and growing interest.

3. *Resolved*, That the pecuniary wants as seen in the present debt of our Board, and the new appropriations necessary to be made demand immediate action on the part of the Church, in such real way as to supply the needed funds for successful operation.

4. *Resolved*, That with humble faith we will continue to go forward in the work till the waste places of Zion shall bloom and blossom as the garden of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

In connection with the above it was resolved, that Synod in humble dependence and reliance upon Almighty God, undertake to raise during the present year, the sum of $5,000 for benevolent operations, $3,000 to be appropriated to Missions; and that a committee be appointed to say how much will be expected from each Classis, and what amount shall be appropriated to beneficiary education and the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

The committee called for in the above resolution, consists of Revs. G. B. Russell, D. H. Kelly, and I. H. Reiter, and Elder J.

Kuhn. This committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Apportionment report, that of the $5,000 to be raised, at least $3,000 be designated as the amount for Home Missions, $1,500 for Beneficiary Education, and $500 for the immediate use of the Theological Seminary.

That we indicate as the opinion of Synod, the following proportions of the above amount, can be expected of the several Classes:

Classis.	*Mission.*	*Education.*	*Seminary.*	*Total.*
1. Miami Classis,.....	$660	$330	$110	$1100
2. Lancaster,..".....	300	150	50	500
3. Westmoreland Classis,....	420	310	70	700
4. Sandusky, ...".....	300	150	50	500
5. Sheboygan,.....".....	30	15	5	50
6. Tiffin, ...".....	360	180	60	600
7. St. John's,.....".....	600	300	100	1000
8. St. Joseph,.....".....	240	120	40	400
9. Indiana,.....".....	30	15	5	50
10. Illinois,.....".....	30	15	5	50
11. Iowa, ...".....	30	15	5	50
	3000	1500	500	$5000

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

The Synod of Ohio, and adjacent States,

In account with Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, *Treasurer.*

1859.		Dr.
May 24.	By balance in the Treasury,.....	$20 77
June 4.	By Indiana Classis appt. of Synod for 1859, in full, ...	6 00
June 4.	By Ind. Classis' perma't. appt. for 1856, in full,	8 50
"	" " " " " 1857, in part	3 50
Oct. 13.	" " " " " 1857, in full,	7 00
"	" " " " " 1858, "	10 50
"	" " on Minutes of Synod, for 1859, in part, per Rev. Stern,.....	1 00
Nov. 1.	By Sandusky Classis, on Minutes of Synod for 1859, in full,.....	25 00

Nov. 17.	By St. Joseph's Classis, Synods' apportionment for 1857 in full,	8 50
"	By St. Joseph's Classis, Synod's apportionment for 1858, in full,	10 00
"	By St. Joseph's Classis per appt. for 1857 in part	3 50
Dec. 10.	By Miami " " 1859, in full	31 50
Dec. 13.	" " " on Min. of S. for 1859, "	50 00
"	" Westm'eland " " " 1859, "	25 00
"	" St. John's " " " 1859, "	20 00
"	" St. Joseph's " " " 1859, "	5 00
1860,		
Jan. 17.	By Sandusky Classis, per appt. for 1859, in full	13 50
"	" " " " " 1860, in part	50
Jan. 19.	" St. John's " " " 1858, in full	22 50
"	" " " " " 1859, "	22 50
"	" " " Sy's. appt. for 1858, "	2 50
Apr. 25.	" Tiffin, " per. appt. for 1858, "	34 50
"	" " " on M. of S. for 1859, in part	12 00
May 31.	" " " " " " in full	8 00
"	" " " Sy's. appt. for 1858, in part	10 00
"	" Indiana " per appt. for 1859, in full	13 50
"	" Westm'eland " " " " 1860, "	18 00
"	" Sheboygan " on M. of S. for 1859, "	1 00
"	" St. Joseph Classis per appt. for 1857, "	8 50
"	" " " " 1858, in part,	7 50
	Total,	$410 27

		Cr.
1859.		
May 24.	To cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, on account,	$20 00
July 16.	" " " " in full	7 00
"	" " " for pub. M. of S. for 1859	11 00
Nov. 5.	" " " " " "	26 00
Nov. 7.	" " T. Schaeffer for use of Theo. Sem. Synod's appt. for 1858,	16 00
Dec. 10.	To cash paid T. Schaeffer, for use of Theo. Sem. Synod's appt. for 1858,	22 00
Dec. 10.	To cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, pub. Min. of Synod, for 1859,	31 50
Dec. 13.	To cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard, for pub. Min. of Synod, for 1859,	100 00
1860.		
Jan. 20.	To cash paid Rev. Geo. W. Williard, for pub. Min. of Synod, for 1859, in full,	31 50
Jan. 20.	To cash paid T. Schaeffer, for use of Theo. Sem. Synod's appt. for 1858, in full,	7 00
May 1.	To cash pd. T. Schaeffer for stationary, post. &c.	3 21
" 31.	To balance in the Treasury,	135 06
	Total,	$410 27

The total amount received during this Synodical year, from the several Classes, in connection with the balance of the last annual settlement, is $410 27, of which there has been paid out $275 21, leaving a balance of $135 06, in the Treasury.

The balance of the claim of the Theological Seminary, on Synod's apportionment for 1858. was settled in full during the year. The sum of $200, in accordance with the instruction of Synod, was also paid to Rev. Geo. W. Williard, for publishing 2000 copies of the Minutes of Synod for 1859, in the English language,

I have thus the gratifying result to report, that all the old claims held against Synod are cancelled, and that the Synod is finally out of debt, with $135 06 on hand, and out-standing dues to the amount of $122 00.

The Classis of Tiffin is yet in arrears $27 on Synod's apportionment for 1858.

On the permanent apportionment, established by Synod in 1850 at the rate of $1 50 to each minister, there remains unpaid from the Classis of—

St. Joseph, for 1858,	9 00
St. Joseph, for 1859,	16 50
Lancaster, for 1859,	16 50
Tiffin, for 1859,	36 00
Illinois, for 1859,	7 50
Sheboygan, for 1859,	7 50
Total,	93 00

The Classes that have not paid the amount of their apportionment for publishing the Minutes of Synod for 1859, in the English language, are—

Lancaster,	25 00
Illinois,	3 00
Indiana,	1 00
Total,	29 00

The Synod should adopt some measures to secure the speedy payment of all delinquencies, and urge to a greater degree of punctuality in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. REITER, *Treasurer of Synod.*

MIAMISBURG, O., June 1860.

The Committee on Finance made the following report which was received and adopted:

Your Committee report the following:

That they have examined the Treasurer's report, the only document placed in their hand, and find it correct.

It appears from the report that the Classis of St. Joseph, Lancaster, Tiffin, Illinois, Sheboygan and Indiana are delinquent. Your committee would therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the delinquent Classes be requested to settle their indebtedness to Synod as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. I. SWANDER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The committee on Nominations presented their report, according to the standing rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted; the following persons were elected:

1.—*Delegate to Eastern Synod.*

Rev. J. G. Zahner, *Primarius*; Rev. S. Mease, *Secundus.*

2.—*Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, Geo. W. Williard, and Messrs. Thos. Schaeffer, A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh, B. C. Taylor.

2.—*Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.* (For 4 years.)

Revs. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, E. Keller; and N. L. Brewer, John Royer and Thomas Swander.

For 3 years.—Revs. H. Rust, J. H. Klein; and L. Shriver, John Bunn, L. Baltzel, and Wm. Barrick.

For 2 years.—Revs. J. H. Good, J. J. Escher, J. G. Zahner; and Edward Swander, J. Kuhn, and J. Poorman.

For 1 year.—Revs. G. B. Russell, H. Williard, J. B. Thompson, G. Z. Mechling; and Wm. Snyder and E. S. Hoford

4.—*Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. Eli Keller, G. B. Bussell, R. Good, J. H. Good, J. J. Escher, and D. W. Kelly.

5—*Board of Visitors to Heidelberg College.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, J. G. Zahner, G. W. Williard, Wm. McCaughey, J. H. Klein and J. B. Thompson.

6.—*Board of Missions.*

Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard, H. Rust, G. Z. Mechling, A. C. Kendig, J. Schlosser; and A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, D. H. Prugh, J. Haller, D. Rader, Peter Cost, and Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D.

7.—*English Board of Publication.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling; and Thomas Schaeffer, and A. H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

1. The Board (English) of Publication presented the following report which was received and referred to the committee on Publition.

The Board of Publication hereby submit their annual report:

The Board elected by the last Synod met at Fairfield, O., May 23, 1859, and organized by electing Rev. H. K. Baines, President, and Rev. I. H. Reiter, Secretary. The Board had three meetings during the year, but in consequence of having but little business to transact, and nothing specially claiming their attention, their report must necessarily be brief and of a general character,

"The Western Missionary," is still published under the editorial supervision of Rev. G. W. Williard, in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and continues a welcome and instructive visitor to many families scattered throughout the land, and is fulfilling a noble mission for the Church. It is felt that in his present position, the labors of the Editor are onerous, but the Board do not see their way clear to propose at this time, any new arrangement, whereby relief might be afforded, or make the paper a weekly and demand the whole of his time and attention.

No changes or special improvements in its mechanical execution have been either recommended or made respecting the Missionary during the year. It is regarded in its present form and general appearance, as a very respectable and readable sheet.

The subscriptions are still gradually increasing. The total number of subscribers at this time, is *twenty-seven hundred*, being an increase of over one hundred since the last meeting of Synod. As the resources of the Church are by no means exhausted, and as there are still many families in our connection that do not receive the paper, there should be no interest or efforts wanting to increase its circulation and extend its agency of usefulness. For in proportion as the periodicals of the church circulate freely and extensively among our people, will they become fully enlightened respecting the true progress and wants of the Church and of her Institutions. and be moved to laudable deeds of self-sacrificing devotion and christian liberality.

It appears from the subscription book, that there are at least *one thousand* subscribers, whe are in arrears from one to five years, and some of whom may never cancel their indebtedness. This is not only a source of perplexity and trouble, but of direct loss. Hence the Board would urgently recommend the plan of paying regularly in advance. This plan is the best, as it is both the easiest and safest, and should be universally adopted. It will not only make each payment light and regular, but it will guard against all losses on subscription. Let all concerned give it a fair trial, and it will ultimately become a fixed fact.

By order of the Board,

I. H. REITER, *Secretary.*

The committee on Publication presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Synod's committee on Publication would submit the following report:

From the report of the Board of Publication placed in our hands, we learn that the Western Missionary has been satisfactorily sustained during the year. Whilst we are glad to learn that there has been an increase in its subscription list, we are satisfied that it might receive still more general circulation throughout the Church, if a proper effort were made in its behalf. We would earnestly recommend this, since it would be useless to expect it to appear weekly unless the list of subscribers is largely increased. We would express the conviction that its editor has quite too much labor to perform, to do justice to himself, or to the paper. It would be desirable that he be relieved from some of his numerous duties, or assistance procured, that more care and labor might be given to the editorial work.

Your Committee's attention has been directed to the Pastor's Helper. Its character and purposes are heartily approved, and it is hereby recommended to the attention of the children of the church, and to Sabbath Schools.

Its issue is not as large by any means as it should be, which it is hoped will soon be sufficient to warrant its semi-monthly publication. We believe this enterprise to be of vast account to the youth of the Church, and deserving of proper encouragement.

Your committee would only yet direct attention to the importance of a due activity in the church in furnishing a literature adapted to her wants and promotive of her interest. It is not sufficient that it be simply produced, but that a general effort be made to encourage a desire and use of it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MEASE.

The German Board of Publication, presented the following report respecting the Evangelist:

Your Board, which was appointed as a committee to superintend the publication of the *Evangelist*, the German paper of the Western Synod of the German Reformed Church, would respectfully report as follows:

At the meeting of Synod of last year, at Fairfield, Ohio, the Rev. J. B. Kniest, of Sandusky City, was elected Editor of the *Evangelist*, in the place of the Rev. H. J. Rutenick.

Accordingly, your Board notified Br. Rutenick of the resolution of Synod, and requested him to give the paper into the hands of Rev. J. B. Kniest. He, however, did not consent to the action of Synod, and told the Board, that he neither could nor would give up the paper on the conditions which we, as a Board, could offer: consequently, the paper was published by Rev. H. J. Rutenick upon his own responsibility, and the Board withdrew from the paper and

published a letter in the *Kirchenzeitung* and the *Missionary*, wherein ministers and congregations were notified, that under the present circumstances, the *Evangelist* was not the paper of the Church but of an individual.

Since that time, your Board did not exercise an official care over the paper, and, is, therefore, not able to state any facts in respect to its present condition.

Your Board would respectfully recommend to this body, to take such action on the subject by which this difficult question may be settled; and this might be done if Synod would either offer such propositions to Rev. H. J. Rutenick as would relieve him of his pecuniary embarrassment; or, if Synod should not feel disposed to take upon itself the responsibility of the indebtedness of the paper, it should be left in the hands of its present editor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KLINE.

The above report was received and referred to a committee of one from each classis, consisting of Revs. H. Rust, D. H. Reiter, M. Stern, J. H. Kline, J. G. Zahner, J. Riale, and C. Pluss; and Elders H. Leonard and G. Feigner. This committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on the subject of the Evangelist beg leave to offer the following report:

1. We deeply regret the fact, that Bro. Rutenick, by an article in the Evangelist, has called forth the just displeasure of the Synod of 1859.

2. On the other hand, that Synod did not sufficiently consider this subject in all its bearings, and that consequently four of our prevailingly German Classes could not approve of Synod's action, therefore,

Resolved, That we leave the Evangelist as a private property in the hands of Bro. Rutenick.

Resolved, That we request him earnestly to conduct the paper in such a manner as will conduce to the peace, blessing and upbuilding of the Reformed Church as a whole.

Resolved, That in case he does so, we will work for its continuation and prosperity.

H. RUST, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

The Treasurer of the Board of Education presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Education:

R. Good, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the

Board of Education of the Synod of the German Reformed Church of Ohio and adjacent States:

1859.				Dr.
May	19	...	To balance on hand,	$56 26
"	do	....	cash from Rev. P. Tendick,	1 25
"	21	....	cash from Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Poland, Ind.	21 00
"	23	....	cash from Rev. J. J Escher,	24 00
"	25	....	cash from C. H. Reiter, Zion and St. Mich. Ch.	8 00
June	13	....	cash from Rev, F. Edmonds,	10 00
"	17	....	cash from Rev. Eli Keller,	1 50
"	do	....	cash from Rev. P. Tendick, Caroline,	5 00
July	1	....	cash borrowed from Heidelberg College,	100 00
"	22	....	cash from a friend of Buffalo, Pa.	2 00
August	16	....	cash from Rev. D. Winters, Zion's charge,	16 00
September	1	....	cash from Rev. G. W. Williard, Dayton charge,	5 00
"		....	cash from " Eli Keller, Harvest Col. Baseline, $1 81 Do. Bucyrus, $3 99,	5 10
"	do	....	cash from Rev. W. H. Fenneman,	3 73
"	do	....	cash from " Eli Keller, Brokensword,	2 86
"	20	....	cash from " C. H. Reiter,	21 00
"	do	....	cash from " J. B. Kniest,	1 00
"	..	....	Interest,	4 00
"	..	....	cash from Rev. R. Good, Good Hope Cong.	2 69
"	..	....	cash from " P. C. Prugh, Beaver Cong.	5 00
October	5	....	cash from " G. H. Zumpe, Indiana,	5 40
do	8	....	cash from " D. W. Kelly, Thompson charge,	33 00
..	..	....	cash from " J. G. Zahner, per Tiffin Classis,	8 00
..	15	....	cash from " J. I. Swander, Bethel Cong.	4 00
..	19	....	Interest,	2 00
..	do	....	cash from a Mother in Israel,	0 35
..	..	....	cash from Rev. J. Blaetgen, Evansville,	5 00
..	..	....	cash from " R. Good, Salem Cong.	5 00
..	..	....	cash from " H. A. Muhlmier, Emanuel Con.	5 00
..	19	....	cash from Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer, St. St. John's Classis,	52 00
November	16	....	cash from " J. C. Klar, Tarlton,	5 57
"	21	....	cash from " J. Rinehart,	1 00
"	do	....	cash from " Gottes Kasten of Evangelist,	2 00
"	do	....	cash from Rev. Eli Keller, Bucyrus,	5 55
"	do	....	cash from " J. H. Rutenick, St. John's Con.	5 00
"	do	....	cash from " Wm. McCaughey, Navarre,	6 00
"	do	....	Interest	10 00
"	do	....	cash from Rev. P. Greding, Allen Co. charge,	8 04
"	do	....	cash from Elder Jacob Kuhn, Shelby,	5 00
1860—Jan.	5	....	cash from Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge,	8 00
"	9	....	cash from " P. Vitz for a particular student,	5 00
"	12	....	cash from " S. B. Leiter, "	10 00
"	do	....	cash from " H. Fenneman, "	10 00
"	do	....	Interest,	2 25
"	26	....	cash from Rev. F. Edmond's Berlin charge,	4 00
"	27	....	cash from " P. Tendick, Caroline,	3 50
"	31	....	cash from " Mr. H. Hehrwan, Pa.	1 00
February	2	....	cash from " I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg,	10 00
"	do	....	cash from J. D. Gackenheimer for par. stud.	2 00
"	do	....	cash from Rev. J. H. Kline, "	7 00
"	do	....	cash from " W. Wasnich, "	10 00
March	14	....	cash from " Philip Becker, "	3 50
April	26	....	cash from " W. Wasnich, "	5 00
April	27	....	cash from " S. B. Leiter, "	8 00
May	3	....	cash from " Philip Becker, "	1 50
"	do	....	cash from a friend in Fort Wayne,	3 00

" 18	cash from Rev. John Kule,.....		2 00	
" do	cash from Rev. J. B. Rule for a par. student,.		3 00	
" do	Interest,.....		6 62	
" do	Amount borrowed,.....		50 00	
	Total,.....			$618 67
1860—Contra Cr.				
May 24	By amount paid Beneficiary Students,.....	$549 80		
" do	By amount paid Rev. J. J. Escher for postage, ...	6 62		
1859—June 30	By amount pd. Rev. J. B. Kniest, borrowed March 14,.....	70 00		
" do	Interest,.....	1 00		
" do	Amount for blank book,.....	5 75		
" do	For Exchange,.....	15		
	Total,.....	$633 32		
	To balance,.....			14 65
	Total,.....			$633 32

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

Tiffin, May 24, 1860.

The committee to which the above report was referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

From the report of the Board of Education we learn, that the cause is in a state by no means flourishing.

The receipts of this year are reported as amounting to $618.37. If from this amount we deduct $150.00 borrowed money and $56.00 balance on hand last year, there remains a regular income of only $412.00. This is less by $158.00 than the income of last year. Besides we are very sorry to see, that the debts of the Board have increased considerably. During the last year, the Board borrowed according to their own report $140.00 and repaid nothing. During this year $150.00 were borrowed and $70.00 repaid. It does not appear from the report, what other debts there may be. We can only report, that there is a debt of at least $220.00.

Such a state is very discouraging. Our church needs ministers for its many vacant congregations and missionary fields. And it is a well known fact, that we have to a great extent to look to our poor young brethren for a supply. And while we look around for a remedy we are cheered, to see, that several charges and Classes have themselves undertaken the support of students from their own midst. The Classes of Westmoreland, and of St. Joseph, and the Indianapolis Congregation have in this respect set a very commendable example. Our congregations ought more frequently to undertake such efforts.

Besides it would be very desirable to see these wants for our students brought to the notice of the Church at large by the pastors, editors and by the visits of the students. May the Lord give us grace to grow more active and zealous in this most important cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. J. RUTENICK.

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The New German Hymn Book.

A copy of the new German Hymn Book having been laid before Synod, a committee, consisting of Revs. J. G. Zahner, P. Grading, H. Rust and H. J. Rutenick, and Elder H. Leonard, was appointed to examine and report upon the same. The committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The committee on the New Hymn Book report, that

WHEREAS, the book has been prepared by the consent and co-operation of Synod, and as no better book could be produced in the present state of German Hymnology; and,

WHEREAS, this book has so far been received throughout the church with general satisfaction, and quite a number of our German congregations already use it in their worship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod concur in the action of the Synod of North America, respecting the New Hymn Book, and hereby do sanction and recommend the use thereof in our German Congregations, and refer the same down to the various Classes for their consideration and adoption.

The Tri-Centennial Anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism.

The delegate from the East having apprised Synod of the fact, that the Synod of North America had taken action on the above subject, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statements just made by the delegate from the East of the proposed celebration of the tri-centennial anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelberg Catechism, which will take place in 1863, and that a committee be appointed to act conjointly with the committee of the Eastern Synod in maturing a plan for celebrating, in a becoming manner, that grand fact in the history of Protestant Christianity.

The committee called for in the above resolution, consists of Revs. G. B. Russell, L. H. Kefauver, E. E. Higbee, and D. Kemmerer, and Elder J. Cort.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The following resolution was adopted in respect to the formation of a Triennial Synod:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to meet with such a committee as may be appointed by the Eastern Synod, to mature a plan or basis, including such changes in the Constitution as may be required for the creation of a General Synod of the German Reformed Church of America.

The Committee here required consists of Revs. P. C. Prugh, G. B. Russell and J. G. Zahner.

AN APPEAL.

A document having been handed Synod at a late hour in its sessions purporting to be an appeal on the part of Mr. Kerskamp against the action of the Wisconsin Classis, was referred to a special committte consisting of Revs. J. C. Klar, H. J. Rutenick, George Rettig and H. Eschmier, and Elder N. Fox. This committee reported, recommending the reference of the whole matter back to the Wisconsin Classis for readjudication, as the necessary documents were not on hand to decide impartially in the case.

Resolved, That the Classes in presenting their annual reports, embody in the same the number of new Congregations and Charges organized during the year.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to publish two thousand copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, and that the Treasurer of Synod pay for the same at the rate of ten cents per copy.

To carry out this resolution, a committee consisting of Revs. P. C. Prugh and E. Keller, and Elder T. W. Chapman, was appointed to distribute the above nummer among the several Classes, and the amount to be paid into the treasury of Synod by each Classis. This committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Miami Classis, 400 copies, $40; Lancaster Classis, 300 copies, $30; Westmoreland Classis, 300 copies, $30; Sandusky Classis, 270 copies, $27; Sheboygan Classis, 20 copies, $2; Tiffin Classis, 200 copies, $20; St. Joseph Classis, 100 copies, $10; Indiana Classis, 50 copies, $5; Illinois Classis, 60 copies, $6; St. John's Classis, 50 copies, $5; Iowa Classis, 60 copies, $6; and 200 copies for Eastern Synod.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

Resolved, That Rev. H. J. Rutenick be appointed to translate and publish fifteen hundred copies of the minutes in the German language, under the same conditions that the English are published, viz. at ten cents per copy, to be paid for by the Treasurer of Synod, and that he receive fifteen dollars for this service.

The following is the apportionment among the different Classes:

St. John's Classis, 350 copies, $35; Miami Classis, 100 copies, $10; Tiffin Classis, 350 copies, $35; Indiana Classis, 100 copies, $10, Sheboygan Classis, 100 copies, $10, Westmoreland Classis, 100 copies, $10; Lancaster Classis, 50 copies, $5; St. Joseph Classis, 200 copies, $20; Iowa Classis, 25 copies, $2 50, and Illinois Classis, 25 copies, $2 50; Eastern Synod 100 copies.

CHANGE OF STANDING RULE OF SYNOD.

Resolved, That the rule allowing the Delegate East only the half

of his expenses be changed, and that hereafter the full amount of his traveling expenses be paid.

Resolved, That the remaining half of the expenses be paid Rev. H. Williard, the delegate of last year.

THE DELEGATE FROM THE EAST.

The Rev. H. Harbaugh, delegate from the Eastern Synod, took his leave by making some appropriate remarks expressive of the deep and lively interest which he himself, as well as the body he represents, feels in the Church West. His remarks were responded to by the President, who gave him the assurance in return, that the West feels no less interested in the success of the Church East, and requested him to carry our best wishes and prayers back to the Eastern Synod.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this Synod tender its sincere thanks to the citizens of Akron and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to us during our stay in their midst, and that the Pastors *loci* read this resolution from the pulpit at their next appointment.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return the thanks of Synod to the Rail Road Companies, which have granted the privilege of a free pass back to those members who paid full fare in coming.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Delaware, Ohio, having been selected as the place for our next Annual Meeting, and the last Wednesday in May, 1861, in the evening, at 8 o'clock, as the time, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called, all the members were present except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned on Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

J. H. GOOD, *President*.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

The above is an official copy from the original minutes.

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Con.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Baptized Members.	Members Conf.	Com.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excom.	Dism'd.	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benevolent Contributions	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion	...	450	440	27	24	..	..	5	7	4	$178 00	Dayton, Ohio
T. H. Winters,	2	Highland	115	263	250	22	33	..	..	18	6	2	.....	Xenia, Ohio
Vacant	1	Cæsarscreek	52	116	110	..	..	..	..	8	1	1	55 00	.....
P. C. Pragh,	2	Xenia	110	202	190	8	4	3	..	9	6	2	65 98	Xenia, Ohio
G. W. Willard,	3	Dayton, First Church	150	220	220	31	22	28	..	4	3	3	324 10	Dayton, Ohio
H. Rust,	1	Cincinnati, First Church	221	315	312	87	12	38	..	13	15	1	172 67	Cincinnati, Ohio
Vacant	3	New Madison	...	147	125	26	18	5	..	2	1	3	59 00	.....
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg	189	232	215	37	12	7	..	19	5	2	75 00	Miamisburg, Ohio
S. Mease,	1	Cincinnati, Second Church	24	31	26	7	2	3	..	2	4	1	.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
G. Z. Mechling,	4	Seven Mile	...	130	125	25	1	10	..	7	4	3	26 68	Seven Mile, Ohio
J. Richards,	4	Union	...	320	300	66	59	..	..	1	5	6	50 60	North Hampton, Ohio
A. C. Kendig,	3	West Alexandria	197	273	235	36	16	6	..	2	7	2	58 92	West Alexandria, Ohio
C. Saure,	1	Cincinnati, Third Church	135	255	255	62	9	80	..	19	15	1	162 65	Cincinnati, Ohio
E. F. Loeders,	1	Dayton, Second Church	...	80	60	37	4	..	..	10	1	1	.....	Dayton, Ohio
.....	4	Port Jefferson	...	152	145	12	6	8	..	8	1	4	6 00	.....
J. A. Leis,	1	St. John's Congregation	...	71	71	15	8	8	..	..	4	..	.....	Miamisburg, Ohio
J. Stuck,	4	Dallas	...	74	74	24	50	..	..	..	2	2	.....	Greenville, Ohio
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield	...	177	150	9	6	5	..	..	1	1	98 21	Fairfield, Ohio
A. Warner,	3	Germantown	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Germantown, Ohio
J. Weaver,	2	St. Paris	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
.....	3	Park County	...	70	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	.....	.....
P. Kroh,	4	Anna, Illinois	91	79	79	8	..	1	..	..	3	..	.....	Anna, Illinois
C. Pluss,	2	Brown County, Ohio	...	45	37	9	2	7	..	..	..	1	.....	Arnheim, Ohio
L. Rike,	2	Corydon, Ind	...	50	50	2	16	15	..	..	..	..	.....	Corydon, Indiana
J. McConnell,	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Anna, Illinois
J. Pence,	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Fremont, Ohio
S. K. Denius,	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Germantown, Ohio
Janas Michael,	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Winnamack, Indiana
J. Kercher,	.	.....	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Lacon, Illinois

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Baptised Mem.	Confirmed Mem.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excommunic's.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Collections.	Post Office Address.
I. S. Weisz,	4	Lithopolis,	200	256	219	32	8	4	..	6	9	3	$60 00	Hublersburg, Pa.
H. Williard	2	Columbus,	60	46	43	8	2	2	..	8	1	3	30 00	Columbus, O
J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton	....	....	169	54	54	..	..	3	25	1	53 00	Stoutsville, O
H. King,	3	Union,	....	....	140	21	16	..	..	..	13	1	.....	Baltimore, O
P. D. Schory,	1	Lancaster,	....	70	64	6	10	2	..	..	1	1	.....	Lancaster, O
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	...	127	122	22	16	31	..	..	2	4	26 75	Sugar Grove, O
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,	....	225	200	20	25	..	..	1	6	3	110 00	Somerset, Perry co. O
J. C. Henneman	4	Beaver,	....	500	400	38	19	..	..	5	14	1	10 40	Beavertown, O
J. B. Thompson,	2	Delaware,	195	215	171	8	10	27	..	..	2	1	78 00	Delaware, O
J. Vogt,	2	Basil,	50	110	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	130 00	Basil, Fairfield co., O
John I. Swander,	4	Kinnickkinnick	....	160	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Chillicothe, O
S. S. Rickly,	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Columbus, O
J. Ruhl,	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Defiance, O

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Baptised Mem.	Confirmed Mem.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd. by Certif.	Dismissions.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Min. of S. (*Eng.*)	Min. of S. (*Ger.*)	Contributed for Benevolent Purposes.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (*Ger.*)	...	723	723	120	50	..	..	27	..	40	40	$90 00	Greensburg, Pa.
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mt. Pleasant	...	...	157	27	2	..	..	1	4	30	10	50 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
C. C. Russell, Ass't.	..	" "	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Latrobe, Pa.
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beam's,	...	...	178	25	21	..	..	2	1	30	..	24 00	Jenner X Roads, Pa.
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace Church,	73	83	83	10	10	6	6	1	1	30	..	170 31	Pittsburg, "
L. H. Kefauver,	2	Greensburg, (*Eng.*)	118	126	124	16	28	15	4	2	2	25	..	85 00	Greensburg, "
F. K. Levan,	3	Someret,	135	170	150	...	3	4	..	..	2	30	..	60 00	Somerset, "
R. P. Thomas,	2	Salem,	210	235	220	18	14	..	..	..	1	30	..	70 00	Salem X Roads, "
A. B. Koplin,	4	Grantsville	201	...	142	8	..	24	..	3	..	20	10	.....	Elklick, "
Benj. Knepper,	8	Wellersburg,	...	260	200	42	63	4	..	6	4	25	10	.....	Wellersburg, "
D. H. Reiter,	5	†Shade,	161	192	172	...	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	.....	Stoystown, "
F. A. Edmonds,	4	†Berlin,	...	297	250	...	..	..	..	..	..	20	20	.....	Berlin, "
Wm. Weinel,	..	Superanuated	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Leechburg "
Geo. A. Fickes,	..	Without Charge	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Fremont, Ohio
IOWA CLASSIS.															
F. C. Bauman,	1	Harmony,	...	...	56	3	10	9	..	..	1	..	..	.....	Rockdale, Dubuque co. Ia
J. Riale,	2	Boulder and Tipton,	...	...	21	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Lisbon, Linn co., Iowa.
J. H. Buser,	2	Oskaloosa and Mt. Zion	...	...	31	7	4	25	..	..	1	..	..	.....	Oskaloosa, Mahaska co."

†Report of last year.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Baptised Members.	Members Conf'd.	Com.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
S. R. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,	....	167	187	27	20	1	..	..	..	3	$41 37	Navarre, Starke co. Ohio
Wm. McCaughey	4	Navarre,	180	208	196	31	29	7	..	1	..	4	49 00	..."..."..."...
J. Hines,	6	Savannah,	....	....	135	18	26	....	..	1	2	5	5 59	Perote, Ashland co., O
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg,	....	140	120	10	50	....	..	1	1	3	29 00	Reedsburg, Wayne co., O
M. A. Miller,	6	Summit,	....	241	....	50	38	5	..	8	..	2	60 00	Lake, Stark co., O
J. M. Lefever,	3	Carrollton,	50	108	108	6	1	3	..	3	1	3	9 75	Carrollton, Carrol co., O
H. Hess,	..	Shelby,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Shelby, O
F. Helm,	3	Akron,	....	120	107	15	3	16	..	..	1	3	.....	Akron, Summit co., O
C. H. Reiter,	4	Bristol,	....	207	165	35	30	3	..	..	9	1	68 00	Smithville, Wayne co., O
P. J. Spangler,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O
H. Shaul,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Without charge
D. G. Phillips,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Upper Sandusky, O
L. Follett,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Nankin, O
D. R. Moore, licent'te	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Pallow, Stark co. O
.....	2	Congress,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	No Report

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Baptised Members.	Members Conf.	Com.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Sch.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Muhlmeier,	..	Emanuels,	312	160	160	14	10	16	..	4	2	1	$ 60	Howard Grove, Wis
J. J. Brecht,	..	Ashford,	136	80	60	22	11	....	..	..	8	1	.....	Ashford, Wis
H. A. Winter,	6	Lowell,	230	150	141	30	20	....	..	..	3	1	.....	Lowell, Wis
J. T. Kluge,	..	Zions,	147	86	80	13	5	12	..	5	..	1	6 75	Sheboygan, Wis
J. Bossard,	..	Sarons,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Sheboygan, Wis
P. Joerris,	..	Salem,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Watertown, Wis
N. Rutenick,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Sauck City, "
C. Linekemper,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Medina, "
C. Shiller,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Mem. Baptised.	Mem. Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by letter.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. Rahauser,	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	$.....	Wilkins, Pa.
R. Good,	3	Zion and Goodhope,	....	83	70	6	14	....	..	..	1	2	12 00	Tiffin, Ohio.
J. H. Good,	2	Second Reformed Ch. Tiffin	....	150	165	55	13	7	..	9	10	2	77 00	" "
Max. Stern,	6	Gallion Charge	....	507	500	55	43	48	..	..	10	3	.....	Gallion, "
H. J. Rutenick,	..	Editor Evangelist	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	27 00	Cleveland, "
J. Klingler,	2	Allen county Charge	....	53	53	12	7	1	..	..	1	2	5 16	Herring, "
H. Eshmeier,	1	Toledo Mission	173	120	120	15	7	2	..	..	3	1	.....	Toledo, "
J. G. Buhl,	6	Marion Charge	....	173	173	30	8	....	..	..	9	2	112 00	Marion, "
J. J. Escher,	5	Berwick Charge	276	240	245	38	6	4	..	..	10	3	128 00	Fostoria, "
Eli Keller,	4	Bucyrus Charge	....	288	288	39	22	....	..	..	..	3	136 00	Bucyrus, "
M. Kieffer, D. D.,	1	Fort Seneca	....	68	68	6	11	5	..	..	1	1	75 00	Tiffin, "
J. Knie,	2	Vermillion Charge	....	115	125	27	....	....	..	..	11	1	8 00	Vermillion, "
C. Weiler,	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	N. Winchester, O.
Vacant	3	Upper Sandusky	....	68	90	....	....	....	..	..	..	1	.....	Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
E. E. Higbee,	1	First Reformed Ch. Tiffin	150	80	80	15	21	8	..	..	2	1	100 00	Tiffin, "
P. Tendick,	2	Attica Mission	....	127	127	30	17	5	..	..	5	2	50 72	Attica, "
J. Heller,	2	Fremont Mission	....	79	79	9	10	15	..	1	..	1	26 72	Fremont, "
J. B. Kniest,	1	Sandusky city	112	48	51	3	....	24	..	11	1	2	2 22	Sandusky City, "
D. W. Kelley,	4	Thomson Charge	235	170	170	22	38	15	..	..	9	1	64 00	Bellvue, "
C. Raths,	4	Elmore Charge	....	130	92	20	....	....	..	..	7	..	10 00	Elmore, "
C. Bank,	..	New Bremen Charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	New Bremen, "
"	4	Shelby Charge	....	158	158	8	....	2	..	..	4	1	55 00	Shelby, "
H. E. C. Shutte,	3	Findlay Charge	....	90	....	....	....	....	..	..	2	3	2 00	Findlay, "
P. Greding,	6	Allen county Charge	....	185	185	13	12	....	..	..	..	..	17 00	Herring, "
Witzgall, licentiate	..	Henry county	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	New Bavaria, "
Vacant	..	Henry county,	....	123	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	
J. Kiehen,	..	Crestline	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Crestline, "
C. D. Zimmerman,	..	Gallion	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	.....	Gallion, "

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Mem. Baptised.	Mem. Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by letter.	Excommunicat'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's Congregation	....	160	183	21	13	21	..	5	14	1	$44 00	Fort Wayne, Indiana
J. D. Gackenheimer,	4	St. Paul's Charge	....	217	211	12	5	..	..	..	3	3	.....	Leslie, Ohio
.....	6	Union Charge	....	223	232	65	22	1	..	..	7	5	.....	.....
W. H. Fenneman,	4	Bluffton Charge	177	174	174	14	..	60	..	7	4	1	8 33	Bluffton, Indiana
Wendel Wasnick,	..	Brush Creek Charge	....	....	160	42	4	..	2	..	8	3	35 00	Pulaski, Ohio
W. Ellers,	..	Colon Charge	....	110	70	4	..	..	..	..	4	3	.....	Burr Oak, Michigan
W. B. Sandoe,	2	Bryan Charge	....	90	105	43	20	1	..	..	6	1	2 60	Bryan, Ohio
F. Becker,	6	.....	....	190	178	32	14	..	..	..	8	..	4 50	Columbia City, Indiana
Andrew Butt,	6	Jefferson Charge	....	110	26	..	8	41	8	..	1	3	23 00	Pulaski, Ohio
P. Vitz,	..	Adam's county Mission	88	64	51	11	5	2	..	..	2	2	12 00	Decatur, Illinois
A. Shroeder,	1	Detroit Mission	....	50	40	10	..	..	..	..	..	2	.....	Detroit, Michigan
J. B. Ruhl,	1	Huntington Charge	....	102	102	11	8	24	..	..	7	1	.....	Huntington, Indiana
J. Brakeneid,	..	Lafayette Charge	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	.....	Pulaski, Ohio
.....	..	Hardford Mission	....	40	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 11	.....
D. Lantz,	..	No Report	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Constantine, Michigan
E. Spangler,	..	No Report	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Edgerton, Ohio
D. Kroh,	3	St. Joseph Charge	....	210	210	48	31	3	..	..	61	1	.....	Elkhart, Indiana
D. Winters,	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	West Alexandria, Ohio

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Congre's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Baptised Memb's.	Members Conf'd.	Communicants.	Baptism.	Confirmations.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
G. H. Zumpe,	3	Poland,	....	145	195	20	13	4	..	..	4	1	$35 15	Poland, Ind.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	1st. Refor'd., Ch. Indianapolis,	....	90	74	18	..	10	..	..	3	1	.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
F. W. Steffens,	1	1st. Refor'd., Ch. Louisville,	....	70	110	14	2	..	..	..	4	1	.....	Louisville, Ky
J. D. Colliflower,	..	Boundary City,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Pittsburg, Ind
John Blaetgen,	..	Evansville,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Evansville, Ind.
H. Kertheuer,	1	Terra Haute,	....	42	....	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	9 00	Terra Haute, Ind.
F. Wahl,	4	Dayton,	....	....	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Dayton, Ind.
C. Pluss,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Arnheim, Ohio.
T. Etter,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
vacant	..	Linton,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
vacant	..	Vernon,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Vernon, Ind.

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Congre's.	NAME OF CHARGES.	Baptised Memb's.	Members Conf'd.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
T. P. Decker,	..		....	225	213	57	21	2	..	6	52	6	$10 00	Freeport, Ill.
John Hoyman,	5	Orangeville,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Orangeville, Ill.
H. Knepper,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Dixon, Ill.
H. K. Baines,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Shelbyville, Ill

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Congre's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Baptised Memb's.	Members Cond'd.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,	....	700	685	78	30	..	..	..	23	5	$17 50	Nimisilla, Summit county, Ohio,
D. Kemmerer	5	Wooster,	..	421	405	107	23	..	..	..	15	3	70 00	Wooster, Wayne co., O,
P. Herbruck,	6	Canton,	....	....	830	195	82	..	..	..	66	5	39 00	Canton, Stark co.; O.
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville,	....	....	344	41	53	..	..	..	30	4	48 35	Ragersville, Tuscarawas co., O.
R. Koehler,	3	Mt. Eton,	....	200	170	17	12	..	..	..	6	1	7 82	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., O.
G. Zeigler,	8	St. Peters,	....	650	577	64	10	..	..	..	19	5	38 74	North Georgetown, Col. co., O.
G. Rettig,	5	New Bedford,	....	....	325	68	55	..	..	..	26	1	10 38	New Bedford, Coshocton co., O.
J. Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eton,	....	....	150	37	21	..	..	..	11	2	9 00	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., O.
C. Zwisler,	3	Canfield,	....	320	295	53	..	..	..	..	9	3	.....	Canfield, Mahoning co. O.
E. H. T. Woehler,	2	Orange Jackson,	....	....	110	10	..	..	..	..	3	1	11 50	Albion, Ashland co., O.
J. F. Englebaugh,	2	Akron,	....	....	93	13	3	..	..	..	5	1	4 82	Akron, Summit co., O.
S. N. King,	3	New Lisbon,	....	170	155	9	1	..	..	..	9	2	60 00	New Lisbon, Col. co., O
C. Fehr	2		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Youngstown, Mahoning co., O.
S. Salberd,	3		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Canton, Stark co., O.
J. Rettig,	3	New Philadelphia,	....	....	194	24	1	..	..	..	7	3	11 50	New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas co., O.
J. Reinhart,	4	Springfield,	....	159	126	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	North Lima, O.
J. J. Roemer,	3	Calcutta,	....	128	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Calcutta, O.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report on the State of Religion and morals in the Eastern Synod for the year 1859.

Fathers and Brethren in the Lord:—It is pleasant, after a year of somewhat lonely toil in our separate fields of labor, to meet in general assembly, together review our labors, and, whilst the sufferings and the sorrow are left behind, contemplate with humble and grateful joy the fruit we have gathered. Hither we come as those who bear good news to one another. In our fields of labor we but see the building, at which we are working, half hid in the scaffolding—and often only that small part at which we build—whilst in the midst of rubbish and the fears of friends and the noise of foes, we toil that order may rise out of confusion; but here, as from a high place, we are permitted to catch a glimpse of the fair and full proportions of that glorious structure, the foundations of which are laid firmly and far back in the silent past, in the erection of which it is our highest honor, with prophets, apostles and martyrs to bear an humble part, and into whose courts it will be our highest joy to enter fully at the coming, and in the kingdom, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here then, let us rejoice together in the Lord our strength and salvation; and when, as the best introduction to our report, in view of our weakness, we call to you: "Lift up your hearts," you will all from the heart respond: "We lift them up unto the Lord." And when, remembering all the loving kindness and mercy of the Lord, we further say: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God;" you will as heartily answer: "It is meet and right so to do."

The Classical reports present the results derived from facts contained in the parochial reports. It is our duty now to combine and present these results in such a way as to give a picture of the progress of the Church as a whole during the year. To do this we shall aim to make prominent such points in our defects and our progress as are made prominent in the Classical reports—giving greater prominence always to that which is made most prominent in the largest number of the Classical reports. This will bring before us the ruling factors which have wrought in our religious life during the year. It will indicate also the still working influences which we have inherited from previous years, and clearly show in what tendencies we are apprehended, and in what direction we are growing as a Church.

First of all, a large number of the Classical reports furnish evidence that there is a very general waking up to a higher appreciation of covenant relations and all the duties and privileges growing out of them. This the reports expressed in general terms by assuring us, that there is an increased attention to the means of grace as furnished in the instituted ordinances, and to be enjoyed in the public worship of the Church. This general declaration is abundantly sustained by particulars furnished in the reports.

One Classis reporting the baptism of over one thousand eight hundred children during the year, says: "the baptism of children is not only attended to with more apparent pleasure, but the importance of baptism as an ordinance of God is also more deeply realized." The same testimony, in substance, is given by other Classes. It is clear that higher ideas of the benefits signed and sealed in holy baptism are taking possession of the minds and hearts of our pastors, parents, and members generally. The word of the Lord seems to come powerfully to our churches, saying, as of old: "Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my convenant of the night, that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also my covenant be broken." This our ministers and people hear and behold that all our trust, peace, joy, hope and success spring from the faithfulness of a covenant God.

In proportion as the true nature of baptism is appreciated, will catechetical instruction be valued. All the Classes testify that interest in this duty and privilege of the church is decidedly on the increase. Not only are pastors and parents more awake to it, but there is on the part of the young a growing willingness and desire to accept its advantages; and the consequence is that, in the language of one of the reports, "The number of those who are received into the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation is not only larger, but what is better, they are being better qualified for Church membership." Another Classis—and one most isolated in its geographical position from the traditional spirit and customs of the Church, and most surrounded by the pressure of other views and feelings than those peculiar to our Church,—says: "The catechization of the young, and their instruction in the truths of the catechism and the Scriptures, have received a large share of the attention and constituted an important part of the work of the brethren during the past year; and it is an encouraging fact catechetical instruction is growing more and more in favor with the membership, and especially with their children."

Another Classis says: "Catechetical instructions are not merely attended by the youth of the Church, but also by the members, and thus, in many instances, these instructions have become a regular service to congregations. The result of these labors, to some extent, at least, is apparent from the large and respectable classes which have been added to the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation." Similar language is used by all the Classes.

This growing estimation of covenant relations, and the love of holy baptism and catechetical instruction as necessary results, work favorably upon the family. Parents see how the Church includes the family, as well as themselves, in its warm bosom; they feel a support beneath and around them stronger than their own individual faith and exertions; they are led to regard their baptized children as young Christians already admitted into the Christian Church and distinguished from the children of infidels and unbelievers; they see their work to be to train them up in the Lord as well as into

the Lord, in grace as well as into it; they see that it is their privilege and comfort to assure their covenanted children that the covenant is the sure basis of their hopes, and feel free to encourage them to accept fully what is already theirs by the covenant of a faithful God, and to assure them that they have the surest and best warrant as children, for claiming all the promises and all the grace which they need in order to grow up to the stature of Christians. They can teach them, what it is their joy and comfort to learn, that, from their washing in baptism may and does begin the renewing of the Holy Ghost, and that it is only by wickedly despising and willfully wandering from this grace that they finally perish. This furnishes at once the true basis and the highest motive to family piety—and especially the early piety of children. It is but natural, that the reports should speak of a solid and encouraging progress in the sanctification of the family life, and its better consecration to the interests of the Church and of true piety.

As better views of baptism have wrought favorably for catechetical instruction, confirmation, and pious family life, so better views of the nature and benefits of the Holy Supper of our Lord have been attended with like precious fruits. It has been a standing complaint and regreted in our reports for years, that the difference between members and communicant members has been by far too great to be accounted for on the ground of absence from the Lord's table by providential circumstances. It is the unanimous testimony of the Classical reports that this difference is fast decreasing. One Classis reporting 6,105 members, though presenting the sad fact that there have been still, "according to the statistical table, 800 members absent from this most comfortable supper of our Lord;" yet it is their pleasing duty to communicate the fact that, by comparing the year ending, with those gone before, there is an improvement that gives ground for great joy.

Another Classis, where this evil has perhaps been hitherto greater than in any other—though still reporting, in a membership of 16,686, the absence of 4,601—gives the encouraging intelligence, that "the attendance on the sacrament of the altar has been very good, as a general thing, and the great evil in our churches, which we have so often deplored—the great disproportion between communicants and non-communicants—is steadily diminishing, as the statistical report will show." The report well adds; "This we regard an important item, evidencing an agreeable advance in the spiritual state of our churches."

The sacrament of the altar, holding as it does, a central and fundamental place in the system of grace, and being, as bread to physical existence, the staff of the spiritual life, a growing love for it indicates most surely a deep, solid and healthy growth of the heavly life in the members of Christ's body. The neglect of this sacrament, so far as it still exists, amongst us as a Church, we ought to deplore as in sackcloth and ashes! The evil is deeply felt by the Classes; and pastors and churches are earnestly reminded to labor

without weariness for its speedy removal. The churches ought to permit no uncertain sound to cover the awfully solemn import of our Saviour's words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you."

It is the working of this same spirit of faith in the divine institutions of grace which has awakened the Church to the necessity of a proper use of its discipline. Respect for the sacraments works respect for the keys. In proportion as the sacraments are valued are they guarded—the more sacred and holy the precious treasure is thought to be, the more diligent will the Church feel it to be its duty to cry, "Hence, O hence, ye profane!" And from all who would come, it will require works meet for repentance.

Hence it is but natural, that we find in the Classical minutes much more general, and more earnest reference to the subject of Christian discipline. The keys as discipline, are regarded—as they should be according to our Catechism, as we are not only taught in direct words, but still more strongly by the fact that the doctrine of the keys is placed in the second part of the Catechism, and thus set forth as a means of deliverance from sin—as a means of grace; and its exercise a pure spiritual and gracious power for the upbuilding of the Church, as well as the awakening and conversion of the unworthy and wicked in the Church.

One Classis remarks, that, among "the several points which were made prominent in the parochial reports," and which are regarded as "highly important to the success of pure and undefiled religion within our bounds, the first is the subject of *discipline*.—It is manifest from the reports that the mixed character, which has always marked the Church on earth, continues to reveal itself. To save us from necessary fear and despondency, our blessed Saviour foretold, that we might always expect to find both wheat and tares within the enclosure of the Church. There is consequently an internal struggle continually going forward within its own bosom.—It is very generally felt, however, that in order to possess the requisite strength and power to combat successfully the opposition of the world without, and to make due progress, it is not only important, but absolutely necessary, that the power of the keys, entrusted to the authorities in the Church, should be faithfully employed. The Church must judge those that are within; and only as she does this in the fear of God, can she expect the blessing of her Lord and Master. There is a very general feeling that discipline should be more faithfully enforced in the Church; and while great prudence and wisdom are recommended, yet it is felt that no fear of man, nor time-serving spirit, should be allowed to prevent the faithful discharge of this solemn duty." The Classis farther says: "That it regards the sentiments expressed on this point in the parochial reports as timely, and urges upon each pastor and the eldership to give special attention to this subject in time to come. One serious difficulty in the way of the discharge of this duty is to be found in

the low views so generally entertained in this age in regard to Church authority. It is believed, however, that laxity of discipline is one of the causes of this very difficulty. Let the Church exercise its high and holy authority in the name of Christ, and men will be led to feel its force more and more."

Another Classis says: "We are sorry to say, that it became necessary for some of our ministers to excommunicate some during the last year. Church authority had almost disappeared; its revival, we think, is an omen of great good. We think it is a sign of good when those who are unworthy are thus strenuously dealt with. It is a proof that the majority of the people are still jealous for the honor of their God, and of His Church."

Still another Classis, after deploring the unworthy lives of some who profess and call themselves Christians, and speaking of the necessity of discipline, adds: "We rejoice so be enabled to report, that, both the ministry and laity begin to manifest more zeal and desire to carry out our Master's design in this direction. Still, on account of a certain degree of timidity, on the part of those who are in authority, to exercise the functions, and a want of proper information on the part of the people, this key of the kingdom of heaven is not used as effectively in our midst as is desirable for its own ends." This same subject, is dwelt upon in the same spirit by two other Classes.

As growing out of the same tendency toward our true genius and venerable Church customs, the product of the same Church life on the ground of which we have presented and explained the facts already referred to, we find mention made of a growing regard and love for the festival days and seasons of the Church. One of the classes says, "The pulpits of our churches were not merely occupied on the Lord's day, but the Church-days have been properly observed, services having been held according to the order of the Church for such days. A marked change has taken place in this respect for good." The sacred seasons of holy communion connected with Christmas, Easter and Whitsunside, are beginning to win the favor and love of our churches, as the true seasons for special and protracted services. The very need felt by pastors and people for seasons of special and protracted public worship, loudly calls for a restoration to their original honor and use of the festival days. Where these are restored the people find an important want met, and the churches are revived and blest. We find it but natural, that the same Classis which reports the restoration of the festival days and seasons, should afterwards say, as it does: "The external growth of this Classis has been gradual and steady. None of the *so called* extraordinary efforts have been resorted to. The regularly appointed means of grace have been used to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." It ought to be remarked also, that this Classis is the one lying farthest West, and, therefore, most isolated from the body of the old German settlements, where the traditionary feelings in favor of the festival days

are still strongest, and where their full restoration to their ancient honor might be most easily effected. This fact may serve at once as a reproof and an encouragement to older Classes in other portions of the Church. Though in some portions of the Church the sacred use of the festival seasons had never been entirely lost; yet there is room everywhere for bringing them, far more effectually than has yet been done, into the service of steadfast and vigorous piety.

Where the institutions of Christ are honored, and the means of grace furnished through his glorious merits and mediation are diligently and devoutly used, there the blessed gift of the Holy Ghost, the gift of gifts, will be graciously bestowed, and only then, since He shall not speak of Himself, but will always take of the things of Christ and show them to the people. As Christ and the Spirit are one in essence, so are they one in ministration. We do not wonder, therefore, to find that the fact is prominently and gratefully acknowledged, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit has been, in many instances, realized in our churches, awakening life, renewing souls more and more into the image of God, enlightening and comforting believers in works and worship, in their duties and privileges.

So also has Christ revealed Himself in our churches as the Spirit of true charity. Love between the different members of the body of Christ is represented as existing and increasing. A number of reports refer to this as a prominent fact. There is also a growing disposition to love, not in word only, but in deed and in truth.—Hence an increased interest is making itself evident in the benevolent work of the Church. Our churches give not only more than heretofore, but they give more cheerfully, more intelligently, and from higher motives. The feeling, that giving to the Lord is a means of grace as truly as any other divinely instituted, is beginning to take firm hold of the minds and hearts of the people.

When we bear in mind, that these interests, which we have now brought forward from the Classical reports, are all of central significance, that they are all ruling elements in the proper genius and life of our Church, and that they are all represented as growing in favor with the churches, and bringing forth their blessed results, we have great ground of encouragement, and reason to look forward with a vigorous hope to a still brighter and better future.

As a general thing, the Classical reports bring us the happy intelligence, that the lives and health of our ministers and elders have been precious before the Lord. Yet some of our Classes have come to us in mourning. Not only have several prominent and worthy elders been carried away, but death has also invaded the ranks of the ministry. The Mercersburg Classis has followed to the grave, our brother the Rev. T. C. Hoffeditz, who had been compelled years ago to retire from the active duties of the ministry, but who, in a retired sphere, patient amid much suffering, pursued his way toward the crown which is now given him in Heaven. The Clarion Classis

mourns the loss of the Rev. Francis Netcher, who, young in years, and young in the ministry, was thus early counted worthy of being taken up. The Classis of Zion announces the departure, at an advanced age, of the venerable father, the Rev. John Reinecke. His labors are ended, he rests in peace. But heavier still has the stroke fallen on the venerable Classis of East Pennsylvania. At the head of the Classical ministerial list of last year stand the names of the Rev. Theodore L. Hoffeditz, D. D., and Rev. Jacob C. Becker, D. D. The Classis will place them there no more! Their death, though referred to in the last annual report, it is still thought proper here officially to announce and affectionately to commemorate. Their lives were long and eventful; and they were permitted to labor and to be useful to the very last. Short to them was the distance between the labors of the Church militant and the rest of the Church triumphant. During their ministry, these venerable servants of Christ were permitted to impress and encourage thousands in the divine life. and when "taken away from our head," thousands in the Church looked after them, crying in heart: "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horseman thereof!"

Though our Fathers and Brethren are thus taken away one by one, we may still rejoice in the blessed communion of all saints in Christ Jesus the Head "wherein he giveth us also to have part."—They still sustain a comforting relation to us as part of the cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about. and who still regard us who are yet in the conflict. May our faithful Saviour, whose we are by covenant and whom we serve in much weakness, but still sincerely, enable us to follow their faith, that we may enter at death into their joy.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARBAUGH, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF EASTERN SYNOD.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.]	Members.	Unc. Members.	Baptised.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
C. G. Herman,	6	Kutztown, &c.	1460	1500	114	54	..	770	..	..	43	10	Maxatany, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs,	5	Allentown, &c.,	2100	2200	190	100	..	1538	..	..	97	11	North White Hall, Lehigh co., Pa.
John Zulich,	5	Jacob's, &c.,	700	750	135	57	..	565	..	..	48	16	Stinesville, do. do.
William A. Helfrich,	8	Ziegel, &c.,	2100	2000	164	70	..	1893	..	..	73	8	Fogelsville, do. do.
J. S. Herman,	8	Coxtown, &c.,	1540	1530	200	35	10	1405	..	4	35	8	Kutztown, Berks county, do.
Charles Becker,	7	Chestnut Hill, &c.,	400	420	115	37	..	280	..	..	56	9	Fennersville, Monroe county, do.
C. G. Eichenberg,	7	Weisport, &c.,	615	830	173	41	..	314	..	..	40	5	Weisport, Carbon. do. do.
Cyrus J. Becker,	3	Catasaqua, &c.,	675	800	115	54	2	450	..	..	46	5	White Hall, Lehigh. do. do.
Alfred J. Herman,	4	Jerusalem, &c.,	676	800	160	50	..	400	..	..	20	5	Maxatany, Berks. do. do.
D. F. Brendle,	5	Farmersville, &c.,	685	800	86	29	..	500	..	..	45	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do.
Isaac K. Loos,	4	Mount Bethel, &c.,	810	780	90	87	1	454	..	..	27	8	Richmond, do. do. do. do.
John Beck,	1	Easton,	552	500	53	31	4	475	..	..	21	1	Easton, do. do. do. do.
Joshua H. Derr,	1	Allentown,	435	300	37	44	4	250	..	1	28	1	Allentown, Lehigh. do. do. do.
Levi K. Derr,	2	Tamaqua, &c.,	425	400	108	15	..	375	..	..	44	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill do. do. do.
Daniel Y. Heisler,	3	Bethlehem, &c.	730	675	48	39	16	501	..	5	29	3	Bethlehem, Northampton. do. do.
E. W. Reineke,	3	Plainfield, &c.,	700	800	22	56	..	577	..	..	16	4	Nazareth, do. do. do. do.
F. Strassner,*	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.,	123	125	12	....	..	98	..	2	1	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne. do. do.
John Gantenbein,*	5	Kreidersville, &c.,	1200	1300	80	66	..	900	..	..	40	6	Petersville, Northampton. do. do.
John W. Lesher,	..	(Teaching.)	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	Easton, do. do. do. do.
W. R. Hofford,‡	..	(Licentiate.)	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	Allentown, Lehigh. do. do. do.
Vacant,	2	Saucon and Freemansburg,	450	450	30	....	..	280	..	..	20	3	Freemansburg. do. do. do.
Vacant	1	Williams township,†	100	100	15	....	..	80	..	..	12	2	
Vacant	**2**	**Hamilton and Cherry Valley,**	**150**	**100**	**10**	**....**	**..**	**80**	**..**	**..**	**10**	**2**	**Saylorsburg, Monroe do. do.**

*Latlely taken charge. †Served by Rev. D. Rodrock of the Classis of Goshenhoppen. ‡Principal of the Allentown Seminary.

CLASSIS OF LEBANON.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Names of Charges.	Members.	Unconfi'd Members.	Baptized.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Phillip Mayer,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, Pa
John Gring,	4	Fredericksburg,	400	....	58	43	..	34	..	21	5	Fredericksburg, Lebanon " "
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpenhocken,	1500	....	149	56	..	965	..	34	6	Meyerstown, " " "
Isaac Miese,	6	Bern,	1387	....	118	77	..	1200	1	43	10	Lower Bern, Berks " "
Augustus L. Herman,	8	Hamburg,	1090	....	240	96	..	1090	..	49	12	Reading, " " "
Franklin W. Kremer,	2	Lebanon,	937	9 35	80	55	23	600	9	24	2	Lebanon, Lebanon " "
Aaron S. Leinbach,	2	1st church, Reading,	1125	....	226	63	5	925	3	114	3	Reading, Berks " "
Henry Wagner,	4	Orwigsburg,	207	....	35	32	5	207	7	17	5	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill " "
Jacob D. Zehring,	6	Host,	1170	896	159	67	..	780	..	28	10	Bernville, Berks " "
Abraham Romich,	3	Jonestown,	304	304	44	13	..	210	..	9	3	Jonestown, Lebanon " "
William A. Good,	3	Bernville,	321	605	37	..	..	250	..	4	6	Reading, Berks " "
Jacob Klein,	5	Minersville,	750	852	181	44	..	652	..	56	6	Schuylkill Haven, Scuylkill co., "
Jonathan E. Heister,	5	Palmyra,	400	301	27	23	..	296	..	8	4	Annville, Lebanon county, "
Charles F. McCauley,	1	2nd church, Reading	200	250	30	10	18	190	..	9	3	Reading, Berks " "
Joseph H. Apple,	1	Emanuel,	77	....	13	..	..	77	..	4	1	Hamburg, Berks " "
Samuel Miller,	..	Supply of Pottsville	....	...	....	20	..	....	..	....	..	Lebanon, Lebanon " "
Vacant,	..	Tremont,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	....	..	

ZION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptised.	By Confirmation.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths.	S. School.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Daniel Zeigler,	6	Crentz creek,	615	400	90	43	..	582	..	..	35	4	York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler,	5	Littlestown,	1000	500	64	33	..	650	..	..	50	2	Littlestown, Adams county, do.
Fred. W. Vandersloot,	5	Windsor,	365	....	....	..	..	350	..	..	..	..	York, do.
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg,	350	200	46	55	..	347	..	..	18	4	Dillsburg, York do. do.
Amos H. Kremer,	1	Carlisle,	226	192	18	21	..	220	1	..	11	1	Carlisle, do.
George Leidy,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	do. do.
Jacob Zeigler,	4	Conowago,	295	200	53	12	..	290	4	..	20	4	Gettysburg, do.
William C. Bennett	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Boiling Springs, Cumberland co. do.
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield,	356	463	26	11	3	265	1	3	8	6	Bloomfield, Perry county, do.
David Bossler,	5	York, (German,)	250	300	30	5	1	149	..	..	10	4	York, do.
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbotstown,	525	350	52	24	6	510	..	..	12	6	Abbotstown, do.
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York, (English)	400	....	....	..	..	275	..	..	..	..	York do.
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsbury,	440	300	64	40	2	410	..	2	25	6	Shrewsbury, do.
David Hefelfinger,	4	Newville,	196	125	6	1	..	129	..	..	3	1	Newville, do.
T. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	500	300	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Gettysburg, do.
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's,	450	325	54	21	..	400	..	..	22	3	Hanover, do.
John Ault,	2	Sulpher Spring,	155	175	15	29	..	140	..	..	2	3	Carlisle, do.
W. K. Zieber,	5	Hanover,	500	400	....	..	..	460	..	..	..	..	Hanover, do.
W. M. Reily,	..		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Berlin, Prussia, Europe.
Vacant,	3	Landisburg,	708	800	120	18	4	635	10	..	21	10	Landisburg, Perry do.
Vacant,	3	Zion's,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
Vacant,	4	Mechanicsburg,	140	100	9	17	..	90	..	..	1	..	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland co. do.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc'n. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Elias Heiner, D. D.,	1	First church, Baltimore,	290	270	30	27	3	320	5	..	17	2	Baltimore, Md
Vacant,	1	Second ..do ..do	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..do do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third ..do ..do	210	143	17	31	9	191	2	..	8	1	..do do
Vacant	1	Fourth ..do ..do	400	....	261	37	123	500	..	..	104	1	..do do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick City,	437	564	54	16	6	401	6	..	27	2	Frederick, do
George W. Giessner,	1	Middletown,	440	343	28	12	3	385	4	..	14	4	Middletown, Frederick co do
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown,	220	259	32	15	5	180	7	..	8	1	Hagerstown, Washington co do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	2	Mount Moriah,	120	62	15	7	2	111	..	..	7	2	Sharpsburg, ..do do
Henry Wissler,	6	Manchester,	590	569	53	28	....	475	..	..	35	6	Manchester, Carroll ..do do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmittsburg,	335	200	20	11	5	250	4	..	5	2	Emmittsburg, Frederick do do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	390	195	39	20	....	380	..	..	3	3	Cavetown, Washington ..do do
William F. Colliflower,	2	Jefferson,	316	300	29	31	2	275	..	..	4	4	Jefferson, Frederick ..do do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville,	185	85	16	15	....	175	..	..	1	1	Burkettsville, Frederick do do
.....	1	Silver Run,*	475	530	18	..	....	280	..	..	....	1	Silver Run, Carroll ..do do
Charles Cast,	1	Second church, Hagerstown,	130	150	11	2	8	130	8	..	6	1	Hagerstown, Washington do do
John Kuelling,	1	St. Johns' church, Frederick,	195	146	20	4	....	165	..	..	5	1	Frederick City, do
Lewis A. Bruner,	3	Boonsboro',	300	200	22	7	....	200	1	..	17	..	Boonsboro, Washington co do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade,	372	348	26	20	2	372	1	..	5	2	Walkersville, Frederick ..do do
.....	2	Clearspring, †	130	175	10	6	5	100	..	..	6	2	Clearspring, Washington do do
Gustavus R. Gramm,	1	Fifth church, Baltimore,	225	77	21	23	20	225	5	..	11	1	Baltimore City, do
Henry J. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown,	230	180	20	22	2	160	4	..	4	1	Mechanicstown, Frederick co do
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown,	375	350	54	17	8	390	5	..	10	5	Taneytown, Carroll co do
Benj. Schneider, D. D.	..	Foreign Missionary,	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	Aintab, Syria
Fred. A. Herzberger	1	St. Johns, Washington, D. C.,	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	Washington City D. C.
Robert Douglas,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	Shepherdstown, Jefferson co, Va
Wm. H. Zimmerman,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	Frederick City, Md
George L. Staley,	..	Mt. Washington F. College,	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	Mt. Washington, Baltimore co do

*Supplied by the Rev. Jacob Sechler, Littlestown, Pa. †Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh, Greencastle Pa.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certificate.	Communic'ts.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	161	....	9	6	..	161	..	4	..	1	Middlebrook, Augusta county, ...Va.
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	200	....	25	55	..	200	..	7	..	4	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham county, ...do.
Henry St. John Rinker.	4	Mill Creek,	230	....	31	19	1	230	..	4	..	4	Hamburg, Shenandoah ....do. ....do.
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Central,	35	....	..	..	.	35	..	..	..	2	Edenburg. ....do. ....do. ....do.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodst ck,	180	....	19	20	3	180	..	1	..	4	Woodstock, ...do. ....do. ....do.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	133	....	21	5	3	133	..	3	3	1	Martinsburg, Berkley ....do. ....do.
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown and Winchester	138	....	2	11	2	138	..	2	1	2	Shepherdstown, Jefferson ....do. ....do.
George H. Martin,	1	Loudon,	108	....	9	8	1	108	..	..	..	1	Lovettsville, Loudon ....do. ....do.
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German)	121	....	30	12	..	121	..	10	10	1	Hagerstown, Washingt'n ....do. ....do.
Vacant.	..	Pendleton,	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirm.	Certificate.	Communic'ts.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
George Boger,	..	No charge	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Klutt's Tanyard, ...N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157	....	20	16	..	....	..	..	21	1	Newton, ...do.
David Crooks,	2	Lincolnton.	154	99	12	27	..	....	..	..	3	..	Lincolnton, ...do.
G. William Welker	3	Guilford,	305	313	27	9	1	....	..	..	6	1	Brick Church, ...do.
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99	90	7	1	..	....	..	..	2	..	Lincolnton ....do.
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280	....	35	6	..	....	..	..	32	..	Gold Hill, ...do.
Samuel J. Fetzer,	2	West Rowan,	262	296	8	1	..	....	..	..	..	..	Eufaula, ...do.
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312	130	18	17	..	....	..	..	..	..	Midway, ...do.

VACANT—Newton; Friendship 24 members, Stoner's 40members.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Samuel Helfenstein, D. D.,	..	No Charge	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Gwynedd, Montgomery co., Pa
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Norristown, do do do
Charles Lukens,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Frankford, Philadelphia, co., do
George D. Wolff,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Norristown, Montgomery co. do
Charles W. Schultz,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	
John R. Kooken,	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	
E. M. Long	..	do	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	..	....	Norristown, Montgomery co., do
John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,	1	Philadelphia,	277	420	24	19	18	227	..	6	3	2	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions,	556	758	26	22	42	481	..	22	15	1	Kensington, Philadelphia co., do
John Gantenbein,	1	Bethel,	400	500	40	9	...	400	..	..	9	2	do do do do
J. G. Wichte,	1	Salem,	574	....	153	20	107	722	..	..	42	3	Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Bohms,	170	....	10	3	2	150	..	..	2	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery co., do
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	150	....	10	4	...	150	..	..	..	3	Chester Springs, Chester co., do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	466	18	...	19	1	304	..	..	11	3	Trappe, Montgomery co., do
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	263	....	2	49	1	263	..	..	6	...	East Vincent, Chester co., do
N. S. Aller,	2	Pleasantville,	165	....	....	3	4	165	..	..	2	1	
do do sup.,	1	St. Peters,	61	....	....	5	1	61	..	..	..	1	
William G. Hackman, sup.,	1	Wentz',	....	....	....	26	...	....	..	..	..	1	
Samuel G. Wagner, sup.,	1	Whitemarsh,	124	....	4	8	...	80	..	1	..	1	
Jesse B. Knipe, sup	1	East Vincent,	110	....	6	..	...	110	..	..	..	1	
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Norristown,	150	....	...	10	1	120	..	..	..	1	Norristown, Pa

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Confirmations.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Philip Schaff, D. D.		Professor in Theological Seminary,											Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa.
Bernard Wolff, D. D.		do do do											do do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. B.		Editor of the Ger. Ref. Messenger,											Chambersburg, do do do
Benjamin S. Schneck, D. D.	1	German Cong., Chambersburg,	60	79	7		7	60			2		do do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg charge,	100	225	18	8	6	90	2		10	1	Greencastle, do do do
Samuel Phillips,	1	Chambersburg charge,	340	307	28	44	23	310	7	4	6	1	Chambersburg, do do do
Frederick A. Ropley,	1	Shippensburg charge,	150	100	18	17	16	140	2		4	1	Shippensburg, Cumber. do do
Theobald Fouse	6	Woodcock Valley charge,	425	600	50	37	7	402	4		10	4	James Creek, Hunting do do
Henry Heckerman,	5	Bedford charge,	460	400	39	18	3	440	2		10	4	Bedford, Bedford do do
Jacob Hassler,	3	Martinsburg charge,	152	140	13	9	6	140			1	1	Martinsburg, Blair do do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek charge,	175	224	39	16	9	162	2		2	2	Pattonsville, Redford do do
Henry W. Super,	2	Waynesboro' charge,	250	160	33	15	4	200			7	1	Waynesboro', Franklin do do
Samuel H. Reid,	2	Huntingdon charge,	220	250	25	10	3	220			1	3	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville charge,	560	715	68	37	5	500	5		15	4	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Joseph Hannaberry,	4	Strasburg charge,	156	150	12		1	110				2	Schellsburg, do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	2	Friend's Cove charge,	250	300	19	14		220	1		9	2	Charlesville, do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg charge,	170	149	27	5	9	157	2		5	2	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Greencastle charge,	332	320	18	38	3	258	3		24	2	Greencastle, do do
John G. Wolff,	3	McConnellsburg charge,	105	93	22	14	15	91	2		5	3	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
Daniel M. Giles,	2	London and St. Thomas charge,	235	175	4		1	210	2		4	2	St. Thomas, Franklin do do
Aaron Wanner,	4	Grindstonehill charge,	242	175				178				2	Germantown, O.
Vacant,	3	Waterstreet charge,	300	308	24	4		260	3		1	3	
Frederick A. Scholl,		Superannuated,											Greencastle, do Pa.
Jacob Mayer,		Without charge,											Columbia, Lancaster do do
William D. C. Rodrock,		do do											Fayetteville, do
Joshua Riale,		Missionary in Iowa,											Lisbon, Linn do Iowa.
Benjamin Bausman,		Associate Editor of the Messenger,											Chambersburg, Pa.

Without Charge—Joseph S. Loos. *Licentiates*—Jeremiah M. Mickley, C. Beecher Wolff.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Membe's.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Daniel Zeller,	..	Superanuated,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Allentown, Lehigh county, ... Pa.
John A. Strassburger,	..	.....do	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Sellersville, Bucks co. ..... do
John D. Kessler, D. D.	3	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c.	160	....	25	11	....	160	....	....	8	2	Allentown, Lehigh co. ..... do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp	860	1000	86	24	6	849	....	....	....	4	Pennsburg, Montgomery co. ..... do
Peter S. Fisher,	3	Tohickon, Indianfield, &c.	1125	....	86	24	....	735	....	....	44	5	Sellersville, Bucks. ..... do ..... do
Samuel Hess,	5	St. Paul's, Jerusalem, &c.	800	....	88	53	....	719	....	....	53	6	Hellertown, Northam... do ..... do
Lewis C. Herman,	1	Lobachs,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Upper Hanover, Mont... do ..... do
William Phillips,	2	Reiglesville and Up. Tinicum	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Easton, Northampton... do ..... do
William G. Backman,	1	Towamencin,	60	....	1	5	....	46	....	3	2	1	Kulpsville, Montgomery do ..... do
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick,	725	680	66	23	....	624	....	....	42	6	Pottstown, ... do ..... do ..... do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.	500	600	63	50	....	485	....	1	23	6	Frederick, ... do ..... do ..... do
A. J. G. Dubs,	5	Saucon charge,	850	....	108	51	....	610	....	1	61	7	Allentown, Lehigh. ..... do ..... do
Robert A. Vancort,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.	715	....	12	55	....	715	....	....	9	....	New Hanover, Montg'ry. do ..... do
David Rodrock,	4	Durham, Tinicum, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ottsville, Bucks. ..... do ..... do
A. S. Vaughan,	..	Missionary at Doylestown	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Doylestown, do ..... do ..... do
Vacant,	2	Ridge Roads, Zions, &c.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
..do	1	Hilltown,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
N. S. Aller, ..(supply)	1	New Hilltown,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
D. F. Brendle, ...do	1	New Williamstownship,	140	....	49	21	....	94	....	....	12	1	.....
W. A. Good, ...do	1	Princetown,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Vacant	1	Baumstown,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Memb's.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	By Certificate.	Communic's.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Henry Harbaugh,	1	First church, Lancaster,	356	....	47	11	7	356	..	2	16	1	Lancaster City, Pa.
Isaac S. Demund,	1	Second ..do.....do	120	....	5	5	1	112	1	4	1	1	.....do .....do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem, Harrisburg,	198	106	6	9	2	198	..	2	3	2	Harrisburg, do
Isaac Gerhart,	..		....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Lancaster, do
John W. Heffneier,	4	Millersville,	139	....	39	12	..	139	..	..	11	3	.....do do
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata,	260	200	60	28	..	260	3	..	43	2	Ephrata, Lancaster county, do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	198	....	52	39	..	144	..	..	7	5	New Providence,...do do
Martin A. Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	290	....	41	31	1	215	..	4	9	4	Hummelstown, Dauphin county, do
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.	1	Maytown,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Maytown, do
Eman. V. Gerhart, D. D.	..	President F. and M. College,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Lancaster, do
Thomas C. Porter,	..	Prof. in ..do.....do	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....do do
Theodore Apple,	..	..do.....do .....do	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....do do
John W. Nevin, D. D.	..	Without charge	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....do do
J. Nadlo,	3	Elizabethtown	142	....	..	..	..	96	..	..	..	..	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co do

Without charge—Albert Helffenstein, Sr.: Manheim sup. by I. E. Graeff and W. T. Gerhard.

NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. Memb's.	Baptisms.	Confirmat'ns.	By Certificate	Communic'ts	Excommuni	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Deidrich Willers,	4	Fayette,	275	.....	41	25	...	275	...	...	16	2	Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y.
John F. Busche,	1	New York City,	142	.....	100	10	...	142	...	...	...	1	New York City, do
John Lichtenstein,	1	Buffalo,	507	.....	42	14	...	385	...	...	9	...	Buffalo, do
William Meyer,	1	Tonawanda,	231	.....	46	15	...	189	...	...	18	1	Tonawanda, Erie co do
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	Boston, Mass.
T. Grosshusch,	1	Rochester,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	Rochester, New York
O. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown,	77	.....	28	13	...	80	...	...	1	1	Elizabethtown, N. J.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Names of Charges.	No. Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Commun'cants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Addresses.
Isaac Shellhammer,...	4	Union, ...	217	270	57	15	..	130	..	..	13	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa.
Rudolph Dunger,.....	3	Ashland, Bloomsburg,.	160	170	25	13	..	150	..	..	14	4	Fountain Spring, Schuyl. co., do.
William Goodrich, ..	6	Bloomsburg, ...	500	425	46	60	11	450	1	..	23	6	Orangeville, Columbia, co., do.
Nathaniel E. Bressler,	7	Armstrong Valley,....	371	325	47	..	..	297	..	..	21	6	Fisherville, Dauphin county, do.
Albert G. Dole,.....	1	Milton,.....	160	180	18	8	8	150	..	8	3	1	Milton, Northumberland co., do.
Jared Fritzinger,.....	7	Mahony,....	500	400	72	30	..	418	..	..	25	12	Greenbrier, ...do.....co., do.
Henry Hoffman,.....	7	Briarcreek, ...	220	100	15	43	..	210	..	..	9	3	Berwick, Columbia county, do.
George Wolff,.....	4	Paradise,.....	680	700	60	58	34	640	7	30	17	4	Limestoneville, Montour co., do.
David W. Wolff,.....	4	Danville,..... ...	210	130	32	15	8	175	..	5	7	3	Danville, ...do....co., do.
John B. Porner,.....	10	Conyngham,....	454	543	100	37	..	407	.	..	35	9	Hazleton, Luzerne county, do.
C. Z. Weiser,.....	1	Selinsgrove,.....	160	250	27	20	12	130	..	6	9	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder county, do.
Ephraim Kieffer,.....	7	Lykens Valley,.....	500	700	50	53	..	400	..	..	32	8	Millersburg, Dauphin county, do.
C. A. Rittenhouse,....	4	Shamokin,.....	225	265	55	4	3	184	..	..	19	3	Shamokin, North'mberl'd co., do.
John W. Steinmetz,..	5	Sunbury,.....	480	340	43	35	12	350	1	.	12	5	Sunbury, ...do.....co., do.
Vacant,.....	6	Berrysburg,.....	200	160	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Berrysburg, Dauphin county, do.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
Jonathan Zellers,	..	No charge,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pa....
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg,	350	...	34	42	....	350	...	..	22	8	Rebersburg, Centre.....do....do....
Adolph B. Caspar,	4	Middlecreek,	150	....	40	18	....	124	...	..	20	4	New Berlin, Union.....do....do....
Henry Wiegand,	7	Nippanose,	418	....	19	72	6	348	...	..	2	5	Road Hall, Lycoming....do....do....
William R. Yearick,	..	No charge,	....	....		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	Walker, Centre.....do....do....
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	248	....	63	13	7	243	1	1	4	5	Freeburg, Snyder.....do....do....
F. J. Mohr,	4	Williamsport,	270	....	36	19	40	230	...	6	10	1	Williamsport, Lycoming do....do....
D. G. Klein,	3	Bellefonte,	133	....	11	9	1	133	...	1	2	3	Zion, Centre.....do....do....
John C. Bucher,	1	Mifflinburg,	225	....	25	16	4	221	...	5	4	1	Mifflinburg, Union.....do....do....
L. C. Edmonds,	5	Aaronsburg,	400	500	41	62	14	400	2	15	5	6	Aaronsburg, Centre.....do....do....
W. H. Greh,	5	Boalsburg,	408	346	44	51	6	372	...	6	28	7	Boalsburg,.....do.....do....do....
H. Daniel,	2	Liberty Valley,	247	300	16	....	....	148	...	..	17	2	Liberty, Tioga.....do....do....
G. W. M. Schultz,	6	Beaver Dam,	440	....	90	36	1	318	...	..	18	19	Middlecreek, Snyder....do....do....
H. Aurand,	..	No charge,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	New Berlin, Union.....do....do....
C. H. Leinback,	2	Lewisburg,	a298	....	....	....	....	290	...	..	..	..	Lewisburg, ...do.....do....do....
P. A. Schwartz,	4	Nittany,	246	450	15	....	7	230	...	..	10	5	Hublersburg, Centre.....do... do....
Vacant,	1	Union congregation,*	110	....	4	10	....	110	...	..	..	1	.....
..do	1	New Berlin† congregation	185	....	5	11	....	133	...	..	5	..	.....
..do	2	Eden and Salem‡ cong	77	....	8	9	....	77	...	..	..	..	.....
..do	1	St. Peters‖ congregation	28	....	....	15	....	28	...	..	..	..	.....
..do	1	Messiah§	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	.....
..do	1	Centreville¶ congregation	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	.....
..do	2	Laurel Run and Quays°	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	.....

*Supplied by Rev. A. G. Dole; †C. Z. Weiser; ‡W. R. Yearick; ‖A commmittee; §A Committee; ¶Rev. A. B. Caspar; °Connected with Mifflinburg charge. *a* Last year's report, with the addition of Dreisbach's congregation approximately.

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
D. B. Ernst,	3	Sagertown,	211		14	32	5	201			4		Sagertown, Crawford county.....Pa.
L. D. Leberman,	8	Mercer,	321		107	49		309				3	Meadville,.....do.....do.....do
H. F. Hartman,	3	West Greenville,	400		25	13	10	395		5	6	3	West Greenville, do....do.....do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	170		15			140			1	2	Harmony, Butler.....do.....do
Abner Dale,	2	Fairview,	250		41	10	5	200		3	6	1	Reimersburg, Clarion do.....do
F. Wise,	2	South Bend,	180		35	6		147			1	1	South Bend, ...do.....do.....do
J. G. Shoemaker,	5	Rimersburg,	320		50	18	19	270		8	4	5	Curlsville, Clarion.....do.....do
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg	225					210				3	Punxatawny, Jefferson do.....do
J. S. Shade,	5	Petersburg,	451	600	49	65		446			8	2	Lamertine, Clario.....do.....do
Vacant,	4	Tylersburg,	130					88					
...do.	4	Redbank,	267		41	57		155			10	5	
...do.	3	Kitaning,	150										
B. Boyer,		Superanuated,											West Greenville, Mercer co.....do
Lucian Cort,		Without charge,											Reimersburg, Clarion .....do.....do
S. N. Callender,		...do..... do.											Meadville, Crawford.....do.....do
Phillip Zeiser,		...do..... do.											Hamburg, Mercer.....do.....do

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

	No. Min	No. Con	B. M.	M. C.	Comm	Bapti	Conf.	Lett'r	Exco	Dism.	Death	S. S.	Ben. Coll.
SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,	151	354	5047	18926	18377	2740	1571	677	10	207	633	265	$4067 29
EASTERN SYNOD,	223	674	47991	72726	60151	8101	4339	841	35	306	2729	593	.....
Total of the two Synods,	374	1028	52038	90752	78528	10841	5910	1518	45	513	3362	798	$4067 29

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SYNOD

OF THE

German Reformed Church

OF

OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED AT

DELAWARE, OHIO,

Commencing its Sessions on the 29th of May at 8 o'clock, P. M., and Closing on Monday Night Following.

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Of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, of the German Reformed Church, convened in Delaware, Ohio, commencing its sessions on Wednesday evening, the 29th day of May, at 8 o'clock, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and closing its sessions on the following Monday night.

ARTICLE I.

In the absence of the President, Synod was called to order at the appointed time by the Stated Clerk, when the Rev. P. C. Prugh was appointed President, pro. tem. The Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. P. Schag, of Mercersburg, Pa., by request, from 1 Tim. 3:1, 2 Cor. 5:20.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. MIAMI CLASSIS.

Revs. D. Winters,* Geo. W. Willard, I. H. Reiter, P. C. Prugh, T. H. Winters.
Elders J. Ketteman, Fred. Oldfather, D. Wilkins.

2. LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Revs. J. Vogt, N. H. Loose.
Elders H. Leonard, Jos. Simpson.

3. WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Rev. G. B. Russell.

*Seat occupied by Rev. G. Z. Mechling after Monday morning.

4. SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Revs. S. B. Leiter,* W. M'Caughey, J. M. Lefever.
Elders Th. W. Chapman, Jacob Ohl, Sr., David Stump.

5. TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Revs. D. G. Zimmerman, R. Good, J. Heller, M. Stern,† J. Klingler.
Elders J. Poorman, G. Ream.

6. ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Klein.

7. ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. S. N. King.
Elder J. Sliffe.

8. INDIANA CLASSIS.

Revs. G. H. Zumpe, J. D. Colliflower.

9. ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Revs. H. K. Baines, J. Hoyman.‡
Elder C. Hart.

10. IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Hiale.

11. SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

Rev. C. Schiller.

SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA.

Rev. Dr. P. Schaff.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Miami Classis.—Revs. G. Z. Mechling, J. Pence, S. Mease, J. M'Connell, J. Weaver and L. H. Kefauver.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. H. Williard, J. I. Swander, J. B. Thompson, J. Heffley, C. W. Hoyman and S. S. Rickley.

Tiffin Classis.—Revs. Dr. M. Kieffer, W. Renter, S. Shaw, J. G. Ruhl, J. Winter and P. Tendick.

Sandusky Classis—Rev. C. H. Reiter.

St. Joseph Classis—Revs. W. H. Fenneman and O. J. Accola.

Elder—Jacob Breiger. *Licentiate*—Geo. Leonard.

*Seat occupied by Rev. D. Kieffer aftr Saturday.
†Seat occupied by Rev. C. H. Reiter after Saturday.
‡Took his seat on Friday.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. D. Winters, *President.*
Rev Geo, B. Russell, *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. I. H. Reiter, *Treasurer.*
Rev Geo. W. Williard, *is Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Standing Rules of Synod were read and the following hours fixed upon for opening and closing the sessions of Synod:

Morning Session to commence at 8½, and close at 11½ o'clock.

Afternoon Session to commence at 2, and close at 5 o'clock.

Devotional Services from 11 o'clock to the close of the morning session.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Minutes of Synod.— Revs. M. Stern, P. C. Prugh and S. N. King. Elders T. W. Chapman and Jos. Simpson.

On Overtures.—Revs. J. Heller, J. Klingler, J. H. Klein and H. Williard. Elders G. Ream and D. Stump.

On Minutes of Classes.—Revs J. D. Colliflower, Dr. P. Schaff, G. B. Russell and C. Schiller. Elders H. Leonrad and J. Ketteman.

On Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. H. Klein, G. B. Russell, R. Good. Elders J. Ketteman F. Oldfather.

On State of Religion.—Revs Dr. M. Kieffer, J. Vogt, S. B. Leiter, D. G. Zimmerman. Elders J. Keller and C. Hart.

Theological Seminary.—Revs. P. C. Prugh, Dr. P. Schaff, T. H. Winters and J. G. Ruhl. Elders J. Sliffe and J. Ohl.

On Heidelburg College.—Revs. J. M. Lefever, D. H. Reiter, G Z. Mechling and J. Pence. Elders D. Wilkins and J. Ohl.

On Missions.—Revs. H. K. Baines, Dr. M. Kieffer, P. C. Prugh and J. Riale. Elders Jos Simpson and H. Leonard.

On Finance.—Revs. J. Riale, R. Good and P. Tendick. Elders J. Ream and D. Stump.

On Publication.—Revs. N. H. Loose, C. Schiller and J. I. Swander. Elders T. W. Chapman and J. Poorman.

On Religious Exercises.—Revs. T. H. Winters, R. Good and G. H. Zumpe. Elders F. Oldfather and J. Poorman.

On Nominations.—Revs. I. H. Reiter, G. B. Russell and Wm. M'Caughey. Elders D. Wilkins and J. Ohl.

On Education.—Revs. S. B. Leiter. J. I. Swander and Dr. M. Kieffer. Elders C. Hart and J. Sliffe.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A number of communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.
2. The reading of the Minutes of last year, with those of the Synod of North America, was dispensed with, and said Minutes referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.
3. The Minutes of the different Classes, excepting those of Westmoreland, which failed to reach Synod, were received with the reports on Religion, and referred to the Committee on Minutes of Classes and the State of Religion.
4. The reports of the different Boards, excepting the Board of Trustees of Heidelburg College, and Board of Visitors of Heidelburg College, which failed to make any reports, were received, read and referred to their respective Committees.
5. The reports of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary and the Treasurer of Missions were so amended as to include the sums given to these objects, by Classes not included.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

A request from the Consistory of the Delaware Congregation to have daily services in the German language, during the sessions of Synod, was received and referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises which Committee subsequently reported through its Chairman, Rev T. H. Winters, that they had complied with said request and also provided for English services each evening during Synod, and had all the pulpits of the place filled on Sabbath for which requests had been made.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, beg leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF OHIO.

Item 1, Page 7. Respecting church property in Pittsburg.

Item 2, Page 8. Is the continuation of a Committee, consisting of Rev. H. Rust, to procure a seal for Synod.

Item 3, Page 9. The continuation of a Board to whom was committed the trust of certain lots in the city of Opechee; Chairman, Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Item 4. Page 13. The establishment of a Missionary Institute was deferred to this Synod.

Item 5. Page 28, 29. Is the action of Synod respecting the appointment of a German Professor to meet the wants of the German portion of the church in our institutions at Tiffin.

Item 6, Page 41, 42. Is a resolution respecting the raising of funds for the benevolent objects of the church.

Item 7. Is the appointment of Rev. J. G. Zahner *Primarius*, and Rev. S. Mease *Secundus*, as delegate to the Eastern Synod.

Item 8, Page 50. Is the reference of Dr. P. Schaff's new Hymn Book, to the different Classes for their approval or rejection.

Item 8. Page 51. Is the appointment of a Committee, of which Rev. G. B. Russell is Chairman, to act conjointly with a similar Committee of the Eastern Synod, to mature a plan for the celebration of the tricentennial anniversary of the formation and adoption of the Heidelburg Catechism.

Item 10, Page 51. Is the appointment of a Committee of which Rev. P. C. Prugh is Chairman, to whom was referred the subject of the formation of a Triennual General Synod.

Item 11. The Stated Clerk of Synod was appointed to publish 2000 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, and Rev. H. J. Rutenik to translate and publish 1500 in the German language.

MINUTES OF SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

Is the appointment of the Rev. Dr. P. Schaff *Primarius*, and Rev J. H. Derr *Secundus*, as delegates to this Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. STERN, *Chairman.*

The above report was received and acted upon, item by item.

Item 1. Rev. G. B. Russell reported that the Westmoreland Classis had taken action on the subject, and that the interest of the church in said property would be attended to.

Item 2. No report. The Committee was discharged and a new Committee, consisting of Revs. G. B. Russell and Dr. P. Schaff appointed to report different designs to Synod during its session. This Committee subsequently presented the following report which was adopted:

The Committee have had access to no means for reporting any designs for the proposed Seal.

They would suggest some one of the old church symbolical representations, such as The Shepherd, The Lamb, The Fish, The Cross, etc., or some Scriptural idea referring to the evangelical life of the christian church—the precise character of which, in the nature of the case, cannot be given.

The Committee are willing to receive instructions from Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

On motion, it was resolved that the Committee proceed to procure a Seal for the use of Synod according to some one of the above designs.

Item 3. The Board reported that nothing had been done in reference to said property, and was discharged, as it is not probable that anything will result to the church from it.

Item 4. The subject was referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Klein, W. H. Fenneman, J. G. Ruhl and M. Stern: Elders H. Leonard and J. Slifer; which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the Missionary Institute, beg leave to report the following:

Inasmuch as this projected Institute was designed especially for the benefit of the German interests of our church, and the Classis of Sheboygan has already established a Mission School for the education of pious young men for the Gospel ministry, your Committee is of the opinion that for the present time, and under the present organization of our Western church, it is impracticable to establish such an Institute.

The time may come when the projected General Synod will be created, and District Synods established, such an enterprise can be started with more efficiency than under the present circumstances.

J. H. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

Item 5. See action of Synod on the German Professorship, under the general head of the Theological Seminary.

Item 6. See report of Committee on Finance.

Item 7. The Delegate *Secundus*, Rev. S. Mease, presented the following report which was adopted:

TO THE SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.

Your Delegate *Secundus* to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church would report that he attended to the duties assigned him.

It was his privilege to attend upon all the Sessions of Synod which were held at Lebanon, Pa., from the 16th to the 25th of October,

1860. The interesting and important proceedings of that reverend body are known to you through its published minutes. In these, your attention is directed to such items as may call for, or condition your deliberations. In all matters affecting your body, due consideration and courtesy were extended. Throughout there was manifested a proper deference to the relation of the two synods, and a deep interest in the church of the West.

Your delegate was kindly received and welcomed to a participation in the Synod's proceedings. The salutation from your own body was warmly responded to, in turn assuring you of fraternal sympathy and love.

Whilst indeed we are two synods, yet we are but one church.

The expenses of your delegate were $26,50.

Respectfully submitted.

S. MEASE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Tricentenial celebration of the Heidelberg Catechism report:

That they have not had any formal meeting of the Committee of the Western Synod, but by correspondence, and two meetings of the Eastern Synod's Committee, which the Chairman of this Committee attended, they have attended to the duty assigned them.

The result of the adoption of a plan herewith submitted which was adopted by the Eastern Synod and left in the hands of the Committee, to carry into effect the several recommendations in regard to this grand occasion.

The following is the plan of the proposed celebration as offered by the committee to the Synod at Lebanon and by it adopted.

1. Your Committee believe that it is highly proper that the church should suitably commemorate that great historical event.

2. That a convention of the whole church should be held at some central place on the 19th of January, 1863, to be continued during as many days as Synod may determine.

3. On this occasion Memoirs and Essays, prepared by persons previously appointed, should be read on subjects historically and theologically connected with the occasion, each one to be followed by a free discussion on the part of any or all present—which discussion should be carefully reported; all of which may be collected, if it is thought proper, and published as a monumental volume.

4. The whole celebration should also be turned to a practical account for the church, by affording to every member of the church, old and young, rich and poor, an opportunity to make a free-will offering to the church. Synod should make arrangements, through the classes, consistories, pastors, and parents, to bring clearly before every member, baptized and confirmed, the ground on which such an offering is regarded as proper on their part. The whole year should be allowed to the members to prepare their offerings. These free will offerings should be gathered by each congregation previous to the meeting of Synod in October and then presented, with the names and sums of each donor. The result

should be recorded in a book prepared for that purpose, to be preserved in the archives of the church.

5. The Synod in 1863, should be a general synod of the whole church. At its meeting the centennial occasion should be solemnly closed by appropriate services, and the amount contributed disposed of to the different benevolent objects and institutions of the church in such proportion as Synod would regard wise and proper.

6. Your committee submit the following list of subjects as proper to be handled in the way already indicated on that occasion.

1. The city of Heidelberg.
2. The authors of the Heidelberg Catechism.
3. The Elector Frederick the III.
4. The history of catechization in the Reformed Church, and its best practical use at the present time.
5. The confessional relations of the Heidelberg Catechism.
6. Melanchthon, and the Melanchthonian tendency in Germany.
7. The Theological System in which the Heidelberg Catechism rests, the theory of practical religion which it assumes, and the kind of religious life which it cultivates.
8. The fortunes of the Heidelberg Catechism in this country.
9. Swiss Reformers.

.7. The committee suggests to synod, whether measures should not be taken to secure the consent of some theologians in Germany to furnish essays on some of these subjects.

8. Synod should take immediate measures to collect in Germany, as far as possible, for the use of such persons as it may appoint to prepare these papers, the literature by which they would be enabled to prepare their work from adequate and reliable sources. Such collections should afterwards be placed in the Library of the Theological Seminary.

9. Finally, your committee would call the attention of Synod to the fact, that the Eastern Synod has taken action which proposes a full cooperation with this synod in the object in view, and suggests to Synod the propriety of adopting such measures as will complete a full union of both synods in this movement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,

Chairman of the Western Synod's Committee.

A committee consisting of Revs.' G. B. Russell, M. Keiffer, D. D. and J. H. Kline, was appointed to confer and co-operate with a similar committee from the Eastern Synod to carry out the recommendations of the above report.

Item 10. The committee presented the following report which was adopted and referred to the different Classes for their approval or rejection according to the Constitution;

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, to act in concert with a similar committee of the Eastern Synod, to mature and submit a plan including such changes in the Constitution, as may be required for the creation of a general Synod of the Ger-

man Ref. Ch. of America, would respectfully submit the following.

Your committee had no meeting with the committee of the Eastern Synod, but succeeded in accomplishing the desired object through correspondence; hence they would propose for the consideration of Synod the same report, with a few verbal alterations, that was submitted to the Eastern Synod and handed down by that body to the different Classes for their adoption.

But inasmuch as in Section III of Part II from Article 62 to Article 76, corresponds with Article 2 of Section III Part II of the Constitution to the end of the Section, therefore your committee would suggest the propriety of leaving that part out of the published minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a report upon the subject of a Triennial General Synod of the German Reformed Church, beg leave respectfully to submit the following:

The unity of the German Reformed Church in this country was originally represented by a Synod, which exercised ecclesiastical control over all the ministers and members of the Church within its geographical limits. At first this was the only legislative and judicial organization. In the year 1819, however, the Church had so much increased and spread, that it was deemed expedient for the more satisfactory and efficient management of its interests, and the adjustment of questions of a more local character, to divide the Church into Classes, with definite geographical limits, and which Synod invested with power to exercise authority within their respective bounds. Still these Classes were the creatures of the General Synod, and stood in immediate organic connection with it. Thus, notwithstanding the institution of these inferior courts and ecclesiastical divisions, the unity of the Church was still preserved.

When the further extension of the Church, especially Westward, rendered the management of more widely extended interests difficult and almost impracticable, the more Western Classes constituted themselves into a distinct Synod (1836.) And although the new Synod, thus formed, exercised large autonomic powers, still the integrity of the whole Church was virtually maintained, by the fact that both Synods were soon placed under a common constitution, and some of their acts made dependent upon each other. But whilst the principle of the unity of the Church was thus virtually maintained, it lacked a suitable formal representation. There was no official head to the constitutional unity. This was soon deeply felt, and the Triennial Convention between the two Synods (1844), was an earnest effort to remedy the anomalous defect. But as that convention was only an advisory body, it could not fairly represent constitutional authority, or exercise proper ecclesiastical functions. Its acts secured no positive or definite results. However pleasant it might prove for brethren to meet, and to consult together, upon topics relating to the general interests of the Church, they could ad just no difficulties, enact no regulations, adopt no measures, which would possess official validity, or have binding force.

Hence the Triennial Convention proved unsatisfactory. Measures were accordingly instituted a few years ago, contemplating the formal concentration of certain powers of the Church, now vested in both Synods, into one ecclesiastical body. A plan for effecting this was reported to the Synod of (Fairfield in 1858). That plan, however, was rejected by a majority of the Classes, mainly, we believe, on the ground that the respective rights of the two existing Synods were not thought to be guarded with sufficient care, and that, unless the plan was modified, it might lead to annoying collisions.

Taking all these facts into consideration, your committee beg leave to submit the following plan:

Under Part II. of the present Constitution, Chapter I., Art. 23, (Consecutive numbering) make the following change:

"The Eclesiastical Judicatories are four in number, viz.—1st, The Consistory; 2nd, The Classis; 3rd. The Synod; 4th, The General Synod."

In Article 29, fourth line after "Classis," insert "Synod."

In Article 30, after the word "Synod," in the third line, insert "or from a Synod to the *General* Synod;" and in the fourth line after "Classis," insert "or Synod."

In the place of Sect. III., of Part II. of the Constitution, substitute the two following Sections, and change the Consecutive numbering of the articles which follow, so as to make the numbers correspond:

Sect. III. The Synod.

Art. 59. A Synod consists of the ministerial and lay delegates of the several Classes embraced in its prescribed geographical limits or district. It shall require at least four Classes to form such a Synod.

Art. 60. A Synod, instead of being constituted only of delegates commissioned in the prescribed ratio, may, by a resolution passed at the previous annual meeting, be composed of all the ministers within its bounds, and one elder from each pastoral charge.

Art. 61. The Synod shall be governed in all respects by the provisions of this constitution, and shall be amenable to the General Synod of the Church, with such reservations as are hereinafter designated. They shall have *power* to license and ordain to the office of the ministry, to receive and determine appeals from the Classes, and give advice in cases referred to them by their Classes, and if requested determine such cases.

Art. 62. Each Synod may maintain, or establish, such theological and other institutions within its bounds as it may deem necessary, and shall have full control over them, in all respects. The Professors, and other officers of such institutions, shall be amenable only to the synod to which they may respectively belong.

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Art. 66. A special meeting of each Synod may be called by the

President on the written request of four ministers, and as many lay delegates, notice of which, specifying the particular business to be transacted, shall be given to the members of Synod at least three weeks previous to the time of such meeting. The meeting thus called can be only such as was constituted at the previous annual meeting, and has power to transact only such business as shall be specified in the call.

ART. 67. A Synod cannot take cognizance of matters within the jurisdiction of a classis, until they have been brought before it by reference or by appeal; unless it be proved that, in relation to such matters, the classis has neglected its duty.

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ART. 76. Each Synod shall submit one or more duly authenticated copies of its proceedings during the interval of the General Synod, to each regular meeting of said General Synod, for its examination and approval or disapproval.

SEC. IV. OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ART. 77. The General Synod represent the whole church. It is the highest judicatory of the church, and the last resort in all cases respecting the government of the church, not finally adjudicated by the Synods. And it shall be known by the title of, "THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES."

ART. 78. The General Synod is composed of ministerial and lay delegates, elected by all the Classes respectively, in the ratio of delegation prescribed by the constitution in the case of the Synods. One ministerial and one lay delegate, from a majority of the Classes, representing a majority of the Synods, shall constitute a quorum, capable of transacting business.

ART. 79. The General Synod shall meet triennially at such time and place as may be determined at the preceding meeting, and it shall be governed in its precedings by this constitution, and the rules of order prescibed for the Synods, so far as those rules apply.

ART. 80. All changes in the ordanances of the church must be made by the General Synod. Before any such change, or any new ordinance proposed, can have binding validity in the whole church, it must be transmitted to all the Classes, and approved by two thirds of the whole number. By an ordinance is meant the Constitution, or any amendment of it, a Catechism, a Hymn Book, and a Liturgy. If at the next ensuing meeting of the General Synod, it appear from the official reports of the delegates, that two thirds of the whole number of the Classes have approved of the proposed ordinance, the General Synod shall declare the fact, and it shall thereupon be valid as an ordinance of the church. It shall, therefore, be the duty of every Classis to decide upon such ordinances at its first annual meeting after it shall have been proposed by the General Synod.

ART. 81. If the official report of the delegates of a Classis contains nothing from which the rejection of the proposed ordinance

may be inferred, such fact shall be taken for an approval. But if it appear that a Classis was unable to come to a decision, it shall not be counted in taking the number of the Classes, and two thirds of all the rest shall be sufficent to give validity to the proposed ordinance.

ART. 82. The General Synod shall revise the proceeding of the Snyods, and approve or disapprove of their acts.

ART. 83. All matters relating to the whole church, or involving controversions between two or more Synods, or two or more Classes or congregations belonging to different Synods, shall be submitted to the adjudication of the General Synod. To it, also, shall belong the management of the Foreign Missions of the church.

ART. 84. The General Synod may from time to time, at the request of four or more adjacent Classes, and with the consent of the Synord or Synods within whose limits they lie, constitute such Classes into a Synod.

Respectively submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, Chairman.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures reported as follows:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report;

I. CALLS FROM CONGREGATIONS FOR MINISTERS.

None.

II. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Item 1. Is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hamm, giving reasons for his non-attendance on the sessions of Synod.

Item 2. Is a letter from Rev. J. G. Zahner, in which he assigns reasons for his absence from Synod.

Item 3. Is a communication from the Librarian of the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, the Rev. E. E. Higbee, containing a statement of the condition of the Theological Library, with a request of Synod to provide funds for its increase.

Item 4. Is a request from the Consistory of the First German Reformed Church of Dayton to Synod, to hold its next annual meeting in said church.

III. COMPLAINTS

Item 1. Is a complaint from the Rev. O. J. Accola, of St. Joseph Classis against Rev. J. Ruhl, of Lancaster Classis.

Respectfully submitted.

J. HELLER, Chairman.

The above report was received and acted upon item by item.

Item 1. Referred to St. John's Classis.

Item 2. Referred to same Classis.

Item 3. Referred to Committee on Theological Seminary.

Item 4. Laid on the table till an election be had for the place of next meeting.

The complaint contained in the above report was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. H. Kline, Wm. M'Caughey and Elder J. Ketteman, which Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following:

From the letter of Rev. O. J. Accola, it appears that the Rev. J. Ruhl, a member of Lancaster Classis, residing in Defiance, Ohio, practicing medicine, and being engaged in several other secular employments, greatly interferes with the labors of the Rev. O. J. Accola, being a missionary of a field in the vicinity of Defiance, by raising suspicion against him among his people. Your Committee would respectfully recommend the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rev. J. Ruhl is a member of Lancaster Classis, therefore,

Resolved, that the attention of Lancaster Classis be called to this item, and that the Rev. O. J. Accola be advised to bring his complaint before said Classis, according to the direction of the Constitution of our Church.

J. K. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Committee on Minutes of Classes reported. The report was received and adopted, item by item.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes beg leave to submit the following report:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Illinois Classis prays Synod to sanction its acts and proceedings, and yet acknowledges that these proceedings are an infringement of the Constitution:

Resolved, That the item be adopted and the request granted, under the peculiar circumstances of the case.

2. Miami Classis has placed upon its Minutes, the adoption of an unconstitutional report from the Committee of Examination in reference to the applicant, A. J. Nicolai. Adopted.

3. Lancaster and Sandusky Classes failed to present their Statistical reports, on separate paper, as Synod has ordered. Adopted.

4. Westmoreland Classis has not sent their Minutes of Classis to Synod. Adopted.

2. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Miami Classis requests Synod to define the boundaries of Illinois Classis. Referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. G. B. Russell, H. K. Baines and I. H. Reiter, and Elders T. W. Chapman and J. Ohl, which Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Boundaries of several Classes, beg leave to port:

1. In regard to the Indiana Classis, the Synod has already fixed its bounds at its meeting held at Xenia, in 1855. See Minutes p. 17, 18.

2. The request from the Sandusky Classis in regard to several Pastoral charges, lying on both sides of the present boundary line between the Sandusky Classis and the Classis of Tiffin:

The Committee would recommend that the Shelby charge, and all the border charges divided by that line south of that point, be fully ceded to the Sandusky Classis; and that the charges so divided by that line lying north of Shelby, be fully ceded to the Tiffin Classis: and further, that the Classes interested be requested to accede to this arrangement.

3. As to the request of the Miami and Illinois Classes, with the consent of the delegate from the latter, we recommend that the Illinois Classis shall include all that part of the State north of the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Railroad, and that the charges and ministers in that portion of the State south of that line, be permitted to continue for the present, the classical relation they now hold.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*,

In connection with the above, it was

Resolved, that the Synod provide a map of her territory, and have the boundaries of the several Classes marked in colored lines; to be kept by the Stated Clerk. Rev. Geo. B. Russell was appointed a Committee to provide one.

2. Sandusky Classis requests Synod to decide that charges lying south of Plymouth, on said line, belong to Sandusky Classis, and those lying north of that place on said line, belong to Tiffin Classis. Referred to the above Committee. See report.

3. Miami Classis requests the Synod to make the boundary line between Ohio and Indiana, the Western boundary line of said Classis, permitting the Corydon Mission to remain attached to this Classis. Adopted.

4. Sheboygan Classis requests Synod to allow them to retain their Missionary and Beneficiary funds. See action of Synod on report of Committee on Missions.

5. Sheboygan Classis complains to Synod in case of G. Kearskamp. The action of Classis was confirmed.

6. Indiana Classis would concur with Synod, respecting a Tri-

ennial Synod, if there be one or more German District Syno Referred to the report of the Committee on this subject.

7. Indiana Classis complains that the time and place of me ing of said Classis did not appear in the English Minutes. | was an oversight in the report of Committee of last year.]

8. Indiana and Tiffin Classes requests Synod to consent to t erection of a German Institute in the center of the western Germ field, but not so as to injure the Tiffin Institution. Referred to t action of Synod on Missionary Institute.

9. Indiana Classis recommends Rev. J. Lichtenstein to fill the vacancy of the German Professorship at Tiffin. Laid on the table till the election of a German Professor.

10. Tiffin Classis requests Synod to elect a Professor of the German Language for the Theological Seminary at Tiffin. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

11. Indiana Classis requests Synod to fix its boundary, and objects to the request of Miami Classis to Synod, in reference to the Corydon Mission. Referred to the Committee on Boundary Lines, under No. 1.

3. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO CLASSES.

All the Classes acquiesced in receiving the new Hymn Book of Rev. Dr. Schaff, as the regularly authorized German Hymn Book of this Synod.

Resolved, That the attention of the Eastern Synod be called to this action.

RECEPTIONS AND DISMISSIONS.

1. Sheboygan Classis licensed and ordained G. Schwartz.
2. St. John's Classis ordained H. R. Zink.
3. Indiana Classis received into their connection, G. O. Glavis, a convert from the Roman Catholic church, and suspended Rev. F W. Steffens, from the Gospel Ministry.
4. Tiffin Classis ordained Martin Miller and W. Renter, and licensed James Heffley, Samuel Shaw, Elias Bauman and Geo. H. Leonard.
5. Sandusky Classis ordained D. R. Moore.
6. St. Joseph Classis ordained O. J. Accola.
7. Miami Classis ordained J. Stuck, T. J. Barkley and George Shafer, dismissed Rev. J. Michael to the St. Joseph Classis, Rev. J. Pence to the Indiana Classis, Rev. C. Shiller to the Sheboygan Classis, and Rev. P. H. Kroh to the Illinois Classis; licensed T. J. Barkley, J. Scott and J. A. Nicolai; reinstated Christain Berentz; dismissed J. A. Nicolai to the St Joseph Classis; received Rev. A. Wanner from Mercersburg Classis, Rev. L. H. Kefauver from the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. Schlosser from the Sandusky Classis, and Rev. W. B. Sandoe from the St. Joseph Classis.

8. Illinois Classis received Rev. P. H. Kroh and J. Stoneberger from Miami Classis, and C. W. Seaman from the Detroit Presbytery, and licensed T. Soechler.

9. Indiana Classis ordained E. Baumann and C. Yeakel.

10. St. Soseph Classis dismissed Rev. W. B. Sandoe to Miami Classis, Rev. J. B. Ruhl to St. John's Classis; received Rev. C. Cast and the licentiate, C. Yeakel from Maryland Classis, Rev. J. Michael and the licentiate, J. A. Nicolai from Miami Classis, and dismissed C. Yeakel to Indiana Classis. Adopted.

5. ANNUAL MEETING OF CLASSES.

Sheboygan Classis will meet at Herman, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin, on the 17th day of October, 1861, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Rev. J. Bossard, Pres't, Rev. J. T .Kluge, Sec'y.

St. John's Classis will meet at North Lima, O., on the last Friday in September, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. R. Koehler, Pres't Rev. J. G. Zahner, Sec'y.

Indiana Classis will meet in Fairview, Randolph co. Ind, on the evening of the 12th of September, 1861. Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Pres. Rev. H. Kortheuer Sec'y.

Tiffin Classis will meet at Fostoria, O., on the evening of the 17th of October, 1861. Rev. J. Klingler, Pres., Rev. J. H. Rutenik, Sec'y.

Illinois Classis will meet at Jonesborough, Union co. Ill., at 7 o'clock, on the evening of the 17th of October, 1861. Rev. H. K. Baines, Pres., Rev. C. W. Seaman, Sec'y.

Sandusky Classis will meet in Sixteen Church, Tuscarawas Charge, Stark co. O., on the 11th day of October, 1861, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. M. Lefever, Pres., J. Hines, Sec'y.

Iowa Classis will meet in Columbus City, Louisa co. Iowa, on the first Thursday in September, 1861, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. Riale, Pres., Rev. F. C. Baumann, Secretary.

Miami Classis will meet in Farmersville, Montgomery co. O., on the 17th of October, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. I. H. Reiter, Pres., Rev. P. C. Prugh, Sec'y.

St. Joseph Classis will meet at Ft. Wayne, Ind., the second Wednesday in October, 1861, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Pres., Rev. J. H. Klein, Sec'y.

Lancaster Classis will meet in the Mt. Carmel Church, Sugar Grove Charge, on Wednesday, October 16th 1861, at 6 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. Williard, Pres., Rev. N. H. Loose, Sec'y.

Westmoreland Classis will meet at Salisbury, Somerset co, Pa. on the last Thursday of September, 1861, at 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. R. P. Thomas, Pres., Rev. L. H. Kefauver Sec'y. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. COLLIFLOWER, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was passed, respecting the suspension Rev. F. W. Steffens:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the fall of Bro. F. W. Steffens, and make him a subject of prayer that he may be speedily restored and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to notify him of this action.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk add to the above report the time and place of the meeting of the Westmoreland Classis, and also insert the Statistical Report of said Classis in its appropriate place in the published Minutes of the Synod, provided they be furnished in time.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

There being no applicants present, there was no report of said Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

The Committee on Religion and Morals presented the following report which was received and adopted:

The Committee on the State of Religion and Morals respectfully report the following, as evidence of the fact that Christ is still verifying the promise made to the disciples, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The classical reports placed in our hands, without a single exception, commence with expressions of devout gratitude to God, for the preservation of life and health; especially for the rich blessings of His providence and the far richer blessings of his Grace in Christ. These expressions go to show clearly that the hearts and minds of the ministerial brethren within the limits of our Synod, have been kept in the love of Jesus. His love constraining them, they have stood as faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion; they have labored faithfully in the vineyard of our Lord; they have been faithful stewards of the mysteries of the Kingdom, or, to speak without a figure. they have, in obedience to their commission, gone forth to preach the Gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. The word preached has been owned of of God and blessed; it has had free course amongst the people and been glorified; sinners have been converted and saints edified. But few of the Classes report special or unusual awakenings and revivals. At first view it might appear from this, that the great majority of our congregations are in a state of lukewarmness or coldness. In a few instances there are some complaints of such a state of things. The church of Laodicea has, alas, her rep-

resentatives amongst us; and even of the most zealous and faithful the Lord can say, "I have somewhat against thee." But he has not taken his Holy Spirit from us. The great miracle of Pentecost, which completes the wonders of the Saviour's incarnation, his death, his resurrection and ascension, is ever authenticating itself, in the history of our church, as a glorious reality. As in the mission of God's Son into our world we have a full revelation of the Father, so by the gift of the Holy Ghost in the completion of the new creation, we have an abiding revelation of our now risen and glorified Saviour. A baptism of the Spirit and Water is a baptism into the Saviour's mystical body, and this true regeneration is but the commencement of that communion with Christ which will complete itself in everlasting glory. Hence the reports which have come to us, stating that many hundreds have been baptized; that the children of the church have been faithfully instructed in her doctrines; that the Lord's Supper has been statedly administered to the thousands who gather around the Sacramental Altar; that new church edifices have been erected; that charities have been bestowed; that missionaries have been sent to the destitute, &c., must be received as evidence that the new creation in Christ by the Spirit has not lost its generative power. The Holy Ghost is still present, taking of the things of Christ and showing them to his people; he still regenerates; he still sanctifies and makes perfect. By this power the cords of our Zion have been lengthened and her stakes strengthened: she is arising and shining more and more; her light being come, and the glory of the Lord being arisen upon her.

May her membership be still more abundantly blessed during the year to come; may the lives of the ministerial brethren long be spared; and may the Lord go on conquering and to conquer, until all men shall confess that he is Lord to the honor and glory of God the Father, Amen.

M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

1.—*Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, was organized after the Synod's election of said board in Akron, O., by the election of Rev. D. Winters President; G. G. Prugh Secretary, and T. Schaeffer, of Dayton, O., Treasurer. Nothing occurred during the year which requires the particular attention of Synod. The Board would simply report through the President, that we have met the Professor's salary by borrowing the sum of $85.88, which perhaps may be refunded when the Synod ascertains the different amounts

of apportionment as paid in for Benevolent purposes, as some of the Seminary funds may have gone into an improper channel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WINTERS,

President of Board of Theological Seminary.

2.—*Report of Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.*

Thomas Schaeffer, Treasurer, in account with the Board of the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church.

1860.—		(IMMEDIATE USE.)	Dr.
June	2,	To col. of Rev. Kline, Ft. Wayne cong	$2 00
	"	" " of Rev D. W. Kelley, Thompson chg	2 00
	"	" at Synod, by H. Leonard and others	14 50
	"	" interest of Rev. H. Williard	18 00
	8,	" col. by Prof. Kieffer, Tiffin cong	6 50
	19,	" " " Leonard Hawk	1 00
	"	" " " Rev. Wanner, Bear Creek cong	3 00
	"	" interest of Mrs. Dressler per Rev. Williard	3 00
	29	" " Joseph Coblentz	6 00
July	5,	" " H. Ziegler	6 00
	10,	" " F. Wall	6 00
	17,	" " J. Rigle, on note	60
	19	" " H. Houser, int. by Reiter	1 50
	24	" " A. Fauver by Rev. Prugh	5 00
		" " A. H. Baughman	6 00
		" " Mary Baughman	6 00
Aug.	7	" " J. Reigle, on note	60
	8	" " S. Hagenbaugh	3 00
		" " J. Crone, on note	9 50
	15	" " Rev. J. A. Leis	7 57
	17	" " Rev. F. Wall by Rev. D. Winters	6 50
	20	" " S. Crist	6 00
	21	" " Isaac Miller for L. Miller	24 00
		" " J. & H. L. Miller	3 00
	28	" " John Prugh	6 00
Sep.	5	" " E. Crider by Rev. D. Winters	20 00
	26	" " Jesse Prugh	6 00
		" " H. Bott by Rev D. Kemmerer	3 00
		" " D. Speiker per do	10 00
	27	" " James Templer	3 00
		" col by Rev. J. J Esher, Fostoria Cong	1 00
		" " do do Berwich Cong	1 00
Oct.	11	" interest C. Kresge by Rev. Leiter	6 00
	30	" col. by Rev. A. Wanner, Elk Creek Cong	2 00
		" interest Jonas Michael by Rev. D. Winters	6 00
Nov.	1	" col by Rev. H. King, Union Charge	2 00
		" " Rev. J. Vogt, Basil Cong	8 00
	14	" " Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia Cong	5 00
	28	" interest of B. Shumaker by Rev. C. H. Reiter	24 00
Dec.	14	" " A & J. Mast by Rev. Fenneman	4 00
	26	" col by Rev. J. I. Swander	10 00
1861.			
Jan.	4	" interest of D. Wampler by Rev. Williard	3 00
	12	" " J. Tauney by Rev. J. J. Escher	5 00
	29	" " Rev. S S. Rickley	9 50
Feb.	10	" col. by Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg	3 35
Mar.	2	" " Rev. Kieffer, Good Hope Charge	4 50
		" interest of J. A. Leis on note	6 72

Mar. 21	" "	J. T. Blain on note	10 00
26	" "	D. Wilkins by Rev. T. H. Winters	6 00
April 2	" "	D. H. Prugh by Rev. D. Winters	5 00
5	" "	J. Moyer in full	7 00
11	" "	D. Wilkins by Rev T. H. Winters	6 00
17	" "	P. Pence by Rev. P. C. Prugh	6 00
May 2	" "	J. V. Prugh	3 00
13	" "	J. T. Blain on note	10 00
21	" col. by	Rev. D. Winters, Mount Zion charge	15 00
22	" "	Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge	4 00
	" interest of	Magdalena Kushner	3 00
	" col. by	Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge	6 00
	" "	Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Dayton	3 50
	" "	Rev. J. Richards	7 00
	" interest of	Mary Keiffer, by Cost	2 00
	" "	Thomas Schaeffer on note	37 50
28	" "	J. T. Blain	15 00
	" "	G. G. Prugh	12 00
29	" col. by	Rev. A. Wanner, Germantown	6 71
31	" interest of	Jacob Peterson	25 00
	" "	Jesse Peterson	6 00
	" "	Joseph Anderson	7 00
	" col.	Cedarville Cong. Ills	5 00
	" " by	J. H. Kline, Ft. Wayne Cong	3 00
	" interest of	Rev. S. B. Leiter	6 00
	" col. by	Rev. J. Riale	5 00
	" interest of	Charles Brown by Rev. J. Heffley	24 00
June 1	" col. by	Rev. S. N. King, New Lisbon charge	7 75
	" "	Rev. J. B. Thompson, Deleware charge	10 00
	" "	Rev N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge	7 00
	" amount borrowed to close Professor's salary		85 88
			$653 28

1860. CONTRA CR.

June 2	By amount charged in former report	$ 14 26	
5	do paid Treasurer's expenses to Synod	11 10	
19	do do for 500 circulars	2 75	
	do do for envelopes, stamps, &c	4 25	
25	do do for suit clothes for Agent	18 76	
Dec. 5	do do for express on funds J. Crone	50	
	do do loss on $5 Va. bill, Crone	25	
1861.			
April 3	do do loss on funds	1 40	
June 1	Cash paid Prof. Kieffer at different times	600 00	
			$653 27
June 2	By amount due Treasurer		85 88

THOMAS SCHAEFFER, TO ENDOWMENT FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Dr.

1860.			
July 19	To amount of	H. Houser, balance on note	$ 10 00
Dec. 5	do	J. Crone balance of note	20 00
26	do	B. Bower balance on note	3 21
1861.			
Jan. 12	do	J. Tawney p'd Bond	50 00
April 3	do	Jacob Myers p'd Bond	100 00
			$183 21

THE BOARD HAS LOANED OUT FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

1847.	To E. Giesy and others, at 6 per cent	$224 00
1857.	To J. T. Blain, balance on settlement, at 10 per cent	346 48
1860.	To T. Schaeffer, at 8 per cent	468 84
1853.	To Doctor G. W. Marris, at 10 per cent	370 00
		$1409 32

Respectfully submitted,
T. SCHAEFFER, *Treasurer.*

3.—*Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.*

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, respectfully submit to Synod the following report:

The Board of Visitors appointed by Synod at its last meeting in Akron, was organized after its appointment, by the election of Rev. E. Keller, President; Rev. J. J. Esher, Secretary; and Rev. R. Good, Treasurer.

The Board attended the usual examination of the Theological Students at the close of the Summer and Winter sessions. During the last year the following Students were in connection with the Seminary:

Messrs. M. Miller, G. H. Leonard, S. Shaw, James Heffley, Elias Bauman, W. Renter, C. Z. Beam, I. B. Kieffer, J. Matzinger, A. J. Miller, and I. W. Alspach.

The following Brethren received a recommendation from the Professor for licensure:

M. Miller, G. H. Leonard, S. Shaw, James Heffley, Elias Bauman, and W. Renter.

The following statistical table exhibits the operations of the Board of Education in the department of candidates for the ministry

In their Theological Course, ... 2
Collegiate, ... 9—11

The Board looks back upon the past year, with feelings of gratitude and gladness. The unwonted enlargement of the ministerial department of their work must awaken throughout the church thanksgiving and praise to God, who has answered the prayers of his people with such an abandant increase of laborers. But whilst such feelings are indulged in, the Board would hope that the increased responsibilities of the church will be duly felt, and that the increasing claims of this department will be acknowledged by a corresponding increase of christian liberality. The contributions of the past year will not do for the year on which the Board now enters. These eleven young men, who have given up their secular pursuits, and are engaged in preparation for the work of the holy ministry, must not be allowed to struggle in their curriculum, through short sighted economy, which whilst it leaves the candidate to struggle with pecuniary embarrassments, deprives the church of the best years and the warmest zeal of some of her noblest sons. The Board would, therefore, take this opportunity, before this Synod and be-

fore the christian world, of recognizing in the unwonted prosperity of this department of their work, the efficiency of prayer and the faithfulness of God. Our God is a sovereign; but he hath declared himself to be a faithful covenant keeping God, a God who heareth and answereth prayer. When the eyes and hearts of his people are toward him, and their prayer for the increase of laborers comes up into his sanctuary, he will rejoice then with the glad spectacle of youthful talent consecrated to service, seeking admission to the great harvest field. This glad sight the Board has now had the privilege of contemplating for another year, and they would here, in the presence of Synod, raise another Ebenezer and recognize the efficiency of that arm which hath wrought out for them such glorious results. The Board would recommend that Synod should make it a rule, that all recommendations for licensure on the part of the Faculty of the Seminary should be referred to the Board of Visitors for confirmation; and that no student be allowed to enter the Seminary except by permission of the Board. The Board greatly regrets that the efficiency of the Theological Seminary during the present Summer Session has been impaired by the prevalent war excitement. Two of the students in the Seminary have volunteered and are now in camp, which act seems to us of doubtful expediency in the circumstances of the case. In consequence, all the operations in the Theological Seminary have been greatly crippled for the Summer Session. J. J. ESHER.

4.—*Report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary.*

The committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully submit the following report:

The papers and subjects referred to the committee were—

The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; the report of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary; the report of the Librarian and a request from two of the Classes to Synod, to elect a German Professor in the Seminary, one of them designating the Rev. J. Litchtenstein, as a suitable person for that office. In reference to the first report your committee would, with gratitude to God, note several encouraging facts. The life and health of the Professor of the Seminary have been spared and his efficient labors are still continued. During the year eleven students were in regular attendance upon the different courses of study in the Seminary, six of whom completed their studies and received recommendations for licensure to preach the Gospel.

From the second report it appears, that the Board according to instruction of Synod, borrowed $85 88 to meet the Professor's salary at the close of this Synodical year. This deficiency is the result of a want of punctuality in paying the interest by those who have given their notes and bonds and also by those who have borrowed funds from the Board. From the report of the Librarian, it

appears that the Library, though in a good condition, is by far too small to meet the wants of the Institution. The efforts made by the Librarian, to procure donations of books from the different authors of the Reformed Church, merit the thanks of the Synod.

In reference to the request of two of the Classes, your committee are of the opinion that they are in perfect accordance with the wants of the Institution so far as they refer to the election of a Professor. To give the Seminary more efficiency, and to make it what the Church desires that it should be, an additional Professor is absolutely necessary. Hence your committee would offer for the adoption of Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, at Tiffin, still continues to prove itself worthy of the confidence and hearty support of the Church.

Resolved, That in the fear of Almighty God we, as a Church, will use greater diligence in securing funds for the immediate use of the Seminary, than we have during any previous year and that the attention of the Classes be called to this subject.

Resolved, That the old Librarian, Rev. E. E. Higbee, be continued, and that he be requested to continue his efforts to increase the Library.

Resolved, That Synod proceed, after prayerful consideration, at once, to the election of a German Professor and to the adoption of some plan by which a sufficient salary may be annually secured for his support. P. C. PRUGH, Chairman.

The item respecting the election of a German Professor in our institution, called forth a lengthy discussion, after which the whole subject was referred to the following Committee: Revs. G. B. Russell, I. H. Reiter, J. Vogt, Wm. McCaughey, J. Hoyman, R. Good, J. H. Kline, S. N. King, C. Schiller, Dr. P. Schaff and J. Riale; Elders J. Ketteman, H. Leonard, J. Ohl, J. Poorman and J. Sliffe. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and acted on item by item:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a German Professorship in our Theological Seminary at Tiffin, report:

The wants of the church long felt in regard to a regular German Professorship in our Institutions, have now come to be a pressing demand upon the attention of this Synod, as expressed in the request of several Classes and in the known wishes of a large part of the Western church.

In regard to the importance and necessity for the creation and endowment of such a professorship there seems to be but one opinion. It is thought that if a man of distinguished christian character and theological reputation, could be appointed to this position, it would be quite feasible to raise the endowment from the abundant resources of the church. We, therefore, would recommend for the consideration of the Synod the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod solemnly and in the fear of God,

establish and endow a German Professorship for the Theological Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the German Professor, when duly elected and called, shall receive the annual salary of $1000, with a free dwelling, in quarterly payments, from the time of his entering upon his duty.

3. *Resolved*, That Elder Henry H. Leonard be appointed general agent for securing the complete endowment of the German Professorship, as soon as possible.

4. *Resolved*, That provision be made at once to pay the salary of the Professor elect, until the endowment be fully secured.

5. *Resolved*, That Synod go into an election for the German Professorship.

6. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of Heidelberg College, be respectfully requested to co-operate with Synod in this important enterprise, by assuming a part of the salary of the German Professor, on condition that Synod lend the services of said Professor, in part, to the College as Professor of German Literature, as long as it may see proper.

Unanimously submitted by the Committee,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

On motion it was resolved that we proceed at once to the election of a German Professor, as called for in the fifth resolution, and that the President of Synod lead in prayer that we may be properly directed in this important matter.

The name of the Rev. Dr. Augustus Ebrard, of Germany, was presented as a suitable candidate, whereupon Synod proceeded to an election in his case, the result of which was that twenty-seven votes were cast in his favor, and two blanks. On motion the election was declared unanimous.

In connection with the above it was

Resolved, That a call be made out by the Officers of Synod to the Professor elect, and that Revs. H. Rust, J. G. Zahner, and Dr. Schaff, be appointed commissioners to convey the call to Dr. Ebrard, and urge its acceptance upon him, and that in case they cannot secure his services, to look out for some other suitable person and report to Synod the result of their mission.

The Rev. Dr. Kieffer, called the attention of Synod to the necessity of some repairs being made to the property in which he resides, whereupon it was,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary be authorized to make the necessary repairs.

Rev. M. Stern requested Synod to return his Plainfield Bond and remit the interest due thereon, as the conditions on which it had been given had not been complied with, and he desired to devote it to the benefit of a German Institution. On motion the request was granted, and the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary instructed to return his bond.

ARTICLE XIV.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.

1.—*Report of Agent of Heidelberg College.*

I feel grateful to a kind and overruling Providence that my life and health have been spared to enable me to make this the fourth report of my labors as Agent for Heidelberg College:

I have not been quite as successful during the present year as the previous one, having obtained only Eight Thousand Dollars towards the endowment fund, while I reported a little over *Ten Thousand Dollars* to the Synod, at Akron, for 1860. The reason of this falling off is owing mainly to the troubled state of the waters caused by our national difficulties. Up to this time I have not made any attempt to "*fish*" for our Institutions since these troubles began. But I feel it to be my duty again to resume my labors as soon as possible, asking the hearty co-operation of all who love our Institutions.

I traveled during the year three thousand five hundred and fifty eight miles, and in all since the 22d of January, 1857, when I entered upon my Agency, *sixteen thousand five hundred and nine miles.*

H. Leonard, Agent Heidelberg College, Dr.

To amount of Notes due Heidelberg College for immediate use and building fund on hand, (See report of settlement in the Minutes of Synod for 1860, page 26.)		$488 47
Total amount of Subscriptions and Donations obtained during the year for immediate use, to May 29, 1861, including Wheat Drill from Messrs. Kuhns & Co., of Dayton, O.		192 00
Obtained "crumbs from the young people," to May 29, 1861, to No. 1269		133 88
Total,		$814 35

Paid out for Traveling Expenses.

Trip No. 30,	$40 58	
" 31,	9 31	
" 32,	16 25	
" 33,	11 55	
" 34,	5 00	
" 35,	16 96	
" 36,	1 25	
" 37,	1 34	
Total,	$102 24	
Paid to J. H. Riley & Co., for printing, &c.,	36 76	
N. L. Brewer's Receipt	20 00	$159 00
Balance on hand, May 29, 1861,		$655 35

Amount of Endowment Notes handed over during the year to N. L. Brewer, Treasurer, $8000 00

H. LEONARD, Agent Heidelberg College.

2.—*Report of Committee on Heidelberg College.*

Your Committee on Heidelberg College would report that no documents came into their hands except the report of the Agent, H. Leonard, which gives an encouraging account of his labors during the past year, so that they are unable to make a report, not having any material upon which to base it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEFEVER, *Chairman.*

In connection with the above it was

Resolved, That this Synod regrets that the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Visitors of Heidelberg College, have failed to make the report which Synod had a right to expect.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

1.—*Report of the Board of Missions.*

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN OF THE SYNOD:—In submitting this, their regular report, the Board would, with pleasure, again recognize the goodness of God in bestowing upon His church and people so many rich blessings. During the year abundant harvests have been gathered by the husbandmen, which have filled our people with hope and gladness. These, as a means of happiness and comfort to ourselves and of doing good to others, should awaken in all our hearts devout gratitude to the Giver of all Good. It should also make us glad and grateful that the lives of all our Missionaries, through whose instrumentality many poor wandering souls have been gathered into the Kingdom of Christ, and the famishing children of God supplied with heavenly bread, have been spared.

In the performance of the responsible duties assigned them, the Board have not essentially deviated from the course pursued by them in former years. For the want of means they have been compelled to limit their operations; hence no new commissions have been given. Thirteen missions were placed under the care of the Board when they entered upon their work, at the beginning of the year. For reasons hereafter given, but six of these are still retained.

That the church may the better understand our work, we shall proceed to lay before it in regular order the usual survey of our operations.

MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY LABORS.

1. Second Church of Cincinnati. The English mission of this city under the pastorate of the Rev. S. Mease, is slowly advancing. At the advice of the Board, Mr. Mease made a visit last fall to the churches of the Eastern Synod, for the purpose of securing notes and pledges, for the erection of a church edifice. His plan was to secure three-fifths of the whole amount needed in the East and the remainder in the Western Synod, none of which was to be collected until the whole amount, $5,000, either in notes or subscriptions, was secured. After having spent several months in pretty thoroughly canvassing the East, he returned home. But deeming it unadvisable for him again to leave his people, he addressed special letters to the different ministers of our Synod for the purpose of securing their hearty co-operation in this work. His efforts resulted in raising about twenty-five hundred dollars in the East and over one thousand in the West. It was to be hoped that he would have been able to build the house this spring; but for want of pledges from many of our wealthiest charges, and on account of our present governmental difficulties, his design, for the present, has been entirely frustrated. This church would long since have been built had the church abroad done for it but a fractional part of as much as it was her ability to do.

"During the year," our missionary writes, "our little congregation has suffered more by removals than ever before. Owing to the times we, of late, have had to suspend all efforts to complete our plan of building. We yet lack about $1200. Prospects in the congregation, a few weeks since, were very promising—full attendance upon the regular church service, &c. But the war excitement has diminished the attendance, and cut off, to some extent, our prospects of accession, for the present. Several of our number have enlisted and the evenings of others are taken up with "Home Guard duties." A few weeks have greatly changed the aspect of affairs in our mission, but this surely can only be temporary, as regularity must, in the end, again find its place."

The number of baptisms during the year is 8; received into the church 7; number of members 37; number in regular attendance at the Sabbath School about 130. This number would be more than doubled were the room large enough to hold them. Collected for missions $15. The appropriation is continued at $200.

Seoond Church of Dayton. The state of this mission is good and its prospects are promising. Through the indefatigable labors of its missionary, the Rev. E. F. Loeders, the debt resting upon the church building has been gradually diminished. As payment after payment becomes due, the missionary makes a visit into some neighboring charge and at once collects the money to meet them. He is not only a man of much faith and prayer but also of untireing works. But few, upon whom he calls, can harden their hearts and close their hands against him. The Lord has abundantly

blessed this little mission, for the last few years. "During the past," says the missionary, "the Lord has helped us and we will trust Him for the future." He baptized during the year 67; received into the congregation 52; whole number 124; number of children in the Sabbath School 110. Collected for missions and beneficiary education $22,40.

At the beginning of the year the Board, from a knowledge of the pressing wants of this missionary, felt constrained to increase his appropriation to $100.

Terra Haute, Ind. Owing to the small number of German emigrants into this place, "the infidelity and love of a dead orthodoxy, rather than the gospel doctrines of our church," among those who are there, the progress of our church has been slow. In reliance upon Him who has said "My word shall not return unto me void," says our missionary, the Rev. H. Kortheuer, I have preached the Gospel during the year with cheerfulness and hope. Our Easter meetings were delightful and profitable to us all. The services in both the Church and Sunday school are well attended. One hundred dollars were collected during the year for building purposes. Our church debt is still the same $700. I am sorry that many of the brethren who kindly subscribed for the liquidation of this debt did not even so much as answer my letters addressed to them upon the subject. Unless we can get some aid from abroad I fear we shall not be able to pay this debt for several years to come." He baptized during the year, 16; received into the congregation, 6; number of members, 48; Sabbath schools, 1; contributed for missions $4. The ladies of the congregation are also making contributions for a beneficiary student. The appropriation is continued at $100.

Astoria, Ill. Nothing of special interest has taken place in this mission since our last report. A number have been baptized and added to the church, notwithstanding the prevailing spirit of this community is against the form by which this sacrament is administered by our church. Owing to the disarrangements in money matters they have not yet commenced building churches. Rev. J. Stoneberger, the missionary of this field, labored faithfully until the middle of winter, when his health failed him, so that he has not been able to hold the meetings he so very much desired during the spring. Difficulties that existed in this mission last year have in the Providence of God been almost entirely settled, and things now look more promising. The appropriation to this field is $50.

Corydon, Ind. The Rev. L. Rike is still laboring in this field with much acceptance and success. He has six preaching places, only two of which, however, are regularly organized congregations. The new church edifice in the country, to which we referred in our last report, has been finished and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. In the town congregation two members lately donated six acres of ground for a parsonage. Upon these a conven-

ient house is now being erected, which will soon be ready for the reception of our missionary and his devoted little family. Bro. Rike says in his last report, that "the state of the church and its prospects for the future are good. The brethren feel encouraged. Our communion meetings were delightful. At our last, in Corydon, members of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and of other churches, communed with us, thus swelling the whole number to eighty persons. The people say there could not have been a better meeting. In the town the congregation still worships in the Presbyterian church. Baptized during the year, 18; received into the congregation, 12; whole number of members, 62; collected for missions, $15. The appropriation has been reduced to $175.

Shelbyville, Ill. The Board still continues the Rev. H. K. Baines, as missionary of this place. During the year, under the blessing of God, his labors have not been wanting in efficiency. "You know," he writes in his report, "I do not *crowd* persons in to the church. Others might have added more to the list of church membership, but the congregation in the end might be none the better for all that. Some churches have been established here for ten or twelve years, and through great excitements, even during the past winter, received large accessions, have, at this day, a smaller membership than ours. Our regular audiences were much larger than theirs. My two congregations are in the country, but as often as I can secure a house, I preach also in town. As all the churches have their regular service twice a day, and Sabbath School in the afternoon, I can only preach when one of the Pastors sees fit to give me his place. Had we a church of our own, our congregation would not be inferior to any in town. Several persons have made quite liberal propositions to enable us to build, but it will be impossible to do so amid the present excitement of our country. Our congregations in the country are larger this spring, than ever, and much more orderly. We never had a brighter prospect before us than we have now. We ought to have another church. The school house at St. John's, at times, does not hold one-third of the people. We had hoped to build this summer, but our hope is now cut off." Baptisms, 9; confirmed, 9; number of members, 25; Sabbath schools, 2; contributed for missions, $10. Appropriation to this mission, $200.

Oskaloosa, Iowa. The Rev. J. H. Buser has labored here, amid much privation and actual suffering, for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in this city, but all his labors, his prayers and tears, seem to have effected but little. God, for some wise reason, has measurably withheld his blessing. The want of success, however, may all be traced to the want of a house of their own, in which to worship. Several additions were made to the Congregation during the year, but about the same number have removed from the city. To these was added the death of one of the most worthy and active members of the Congregation. The two Congregations in the country are

more promising. At one of these, the regular attendance upon the services of the Sabbath, is about two hundred. Our missionary believes this to be a field vastly important to the church, and ought by no means to be neglected. About a year since, he notified the Board that he was ready to give up his commission to some one whose labors might be more efficient in the city; but the Board has as yet failed to secure the services of such a person. After having spent so much labor, Bro. Buser, is unwilling to leave this field until his place can be supplied by another. He reports for the year: Baptisms 6; Confirmations 10; Number of Members 61; Sabbath Schools 2; Collected for Missions $13. His appropriation is $175.

In addition to his labors in the above Mission, Rev. J. H. Buser also organized a promising Church in Columbus, Louisa county, Iowa, which Church, though one hundred and sixty miles distant by Railroad, he visits once in every four weeks. He effected this organization with fifteen members. To this number, he has since added by Confirmation 22, and by Baptism 5. This is considered a very important field for our Church, and promises a rich harvest if well cultivated. Bro. Buser expresses a willingness to move to this place, as soon as he can leave Oskaloosa. Will not some worthy Missionary soon report himself ready for this Mission?

The West is, for our Church, a vast and fertile field. For its proper cultivation, we want men and money; money not only to keep our Missionaries from actual starvation, but to enable them to live above destitution and want. Nay, more; as kind parents assist their children to homes as they settle in the West, so our mother Churches of the East assist their children in providing for themselves comfortable houses of worship, where they may feast their souls upon the bread of Heaven, as it flows through the regular channel of the Church. "Tell the the Brethren of Synod," says our Missionary, "that if ever they intend doing anything for the German Reformed Church in the Great West, to do it at once, by a united, powerful and well-directed effort, or abandon the work entirely. To sow sparingly in the great field of Missions, is as surely to reap sparingly, as it is in the field of nature. If our people love their Church, let them now speak; speak for all time to come, in actions that cannot be misinterpreted. The world is now giving to Caesar millions, and not a word about hard times. But what is the Church rendering to God? Is there not danger that if she now refuses to give, "the Lord will suffer that to be taken away, even which she hath?"

MISSIONS DISCONTINUED.

Beardstown, Illinois. In our last report, we stated, that an application from this field had been made for $50. At the beginning of the year, the request was granted, and the appropriation was made. But, from the discouraging nature of the Missionary's reports, (the Rev. A. Toensmeir,) and for the want of funds, the

appropriation has been discontinued. There are several German Churches in Beardstown, all of which seem to be in advance of our own, thus cutting of all hope of building up a self-supporting charge for years. The missionary did not feel himself warranted in making application for a renewal of his commission; hence it was discontinued. Baptized, 10; confirmed, 6; number of members,, 47.

Third Church of Cincinnati. The commission of the worthy missionary of this church expired on the 1st of December, at which time the consistory in behalf of the congregation, with many thanks to the Board for their kindness and a prayer for the peace and prosperity of the whole church, assumed the entire support of their Pastor. Will the Lord bless and prosper this church in all the future as He has in the past?

Toledo. The commission to this field expired one year since, at which time the Board petitioned the Board of the Eastern Synod to assume the whole responsibility of the Mission. The petition was granted and our peculiar relation at once ceased.

Early in the fall, Tiffin Classis, at their regular meeting, organized a Board of Missions as an auxiliary to Synod's Board, to operate within the bounds of their own Classis. Your Board, at once, deemed this an injudicious movement, and, one which, in the end, would prove injurious to the great cause of missions westward; but, being strongly pressed to recognize said Board, they yielded to the wisdom of the Classis and gave over to their care, Findlay, Fremont, Upper Sandusky and Attica missions.

This arrangement went into effect upon the first of last January. Since then, we have received no report from that Board.

APPLICATIONS.

The Board have been laboring during the year with the Huntington field, but with little success. We sent an agent into their midst, who spent several weeks with them, and then returned, reporting the field ripe for the harvest. The people are willing to do all in their power to support a pastor, but the Board, for the want of men and means, have been unable to furnish one for them.

Applications for appropriations, were also made for the Pulaski field, Williams County, Darke County Mission, and Linton, Indiana; also, one from the new State of Kansas: but the Board felt, that it was their first duty to be honest with those Missionaries now under their care, before they would enter into obligations with others, only in the end, to disappoint and discourage them.

FINANCES.

Your Board have experienced great embarrassments, in their finances, during this year. At the beginning of the year, they, through the advice of Synod, refused to borrow any more money. The old debt of $400, was, after awhile, cancelled, and the treasury was free of all embarrassment. But then came the lean months.

Report after report came from our Missionaries, but in vain did they wait for their regular quarterage. Now and then a small amount was received and parceled out among them; but it was only as a drop in the bucket. Appeal after appeal, with extracts from reports of our Missionaries, was published, but all to no avail. To relieve actual want, the President and Treasurer furnished means for the time being from their own private resources; and when those failed, they felt themselves constrained, on one occasion, to borrow on their own responsibility, $140.

As will be seen, by the Treasurer's report, some portions of the Church did well. Some Classes, at an early day, raised the whole, and others within a fraction of the amount apportioned to them at the last meeting of Synod, when it solemnly, in the fear of God, resolved to raise, for missions, $3000. Other classes and charges, so far as we know, have done but little, or nothing at all. Last year they complained that their wheat crop had been cut off by the frost. This year God gave them an abundant harvest. But it seems to have only hardened their hearts. How fearful is the responsibility of such? Will not the sin of robbing God overwhelm them at the last great day? To whom much is given much will be required. But the sin of all this want, the Board is constrained again to submit, lies at the door of the ministry They know their duty, and at every meeting of Classis and Synod acknowledge it, but they do it not. The stripes, to which such will eventually be subjected, will be beyond endurance. They hear the cries of the spiritually destitute, but they heed them not. The wolf is scattering the sheep, but *they* flee as though they were mere hirelings. Much has already been accomplished through the humble instrumentality of missions; but comparatively few have been engaged in it with their whole hearts. And now when most is needed, the least is being done. As war with all its demoralizing influences is rushing in upon us, shall the great work of missions cease? The present is a fitting time to act; *shall the work go on?* "Shall the voyage be continued subject to future storms and calms, or shall the nearest port be entered and the crew disbanded?" To stop or go back is defeat and disgrace. If we are ever to abandon this work, however, no more fit time will occur than now. Having but six missionaries in the field is it not a most appropriate time to address our brethren in the words of the chosen Gideon: "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early."

SUGGESTIONS.

Inasmuch as there seems to be a growing distrust, on the part of several Classes, in Synod policy of carrying forward the work of missions by means of one general Board, which has lead them to the organization of separate Classical Boards, and whereas, those Classes and Charges that have always been loyal to Synod and her Board, are beginning to complain that they are left to serve alone

in this great matter; therefore the Board would suggest to Synod the propriety of requiring all the different classes to operate through the Board of Synod, or at once dissolve the same and institute something that will recommend itself more generally to the minds and hearts of the entire church.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

No monies have been received during the year. The loan of $65, to the Terra Haute mission, with mortgage security, is continued.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PRUGH, *President.*

2.—*Report of the Treasurer of Board of Domestic Missions.*

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

In account with B. D. M. of Ger. R. Syn. of O. and adjacent States.

To amount of money received since my last Report to Synod at Akron, Summit Co. O., May 30, 1860.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge		$80 00
Rev. T, H. Winters, Highland "	$70 85	
Mr. D. Wilkins, " "	8 85	79 70
Rev. P. C. Prugh, Xenia charge	20 00	
" " " Sabbath School	16 21	36 21
Rev. J. Schlosser, Fairfield charge		60 00
Rev. G. W. Williard, Bethel charge		60 00
Rev. H. Rust, 1st G. R. C. Cincinnati		48 03
Rev. T. J. Barkley, New Madison charge		24 00
Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg charge		57 00
Rev. G. Z. Mechling, Seven Mile charge		50 00
Rev. A. C. Kendig, West Alexandria charge		13 28
Rev. C. Saure, 3d G. R. C. Cincinnati		30 00
Rev. L. Rike, Corydon Mission, Ind		15 00
Rev. S. Mease, English Mission, Cincinnati		15 00
Rev. A. Wanner, Germantown		23 00
Beaver Creek G. R. Congregation		12 75
Mr. Jacob Thomas, Springfield, O		5 00
Rev. J. A. Leis, St. John's Congregation		15 00
Rev. J. Richards, Union charge		45 83
Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Port Jefferson		26 75
Donation by Francis Marion Miller		84
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, 1st. G. R. Church, Dayton, O		14 00
Total		$687 59

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Rev. J. C. Klar, Tarlton charge	9 00
Rev. H. King, Union charge	12 00
Rev. L. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge	53 00
Reu. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge	90 00
Rev. J C. Henneman, Beaver charge	5 00
Rev. J. B. Thompson, Delaware charge	25 00
Rev. J. Vogt, Basil charge	47 00
Rev. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-kinnick charge	100 00
	$341 00

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. H. J. Rutenick, Cleveland Mission	26 20
Rev. J. C. Ruhl, Marion charge	24 00
Rev. J. J. Escher, Berwick charge	5 00
Rev. Eli Keller, Bucyrus charge	15 94
J. H. Keller, Treasurer Bucyrus Congregation	16 91
Rev. J. Knie, Vermillion charge	11 00
Rev. P. Tendick, Attica Mission	13 33
Rev. J. Heller, Fremont Mission	12 50
Rev. C. Rath, Elmore charge	5 21
Rev. C. Bank, New Bremen charge	10 00
Rev. H. E. C. Schutte, Findlay charge	9 25
Rev. John Winter, Middletown, Marion county	2 51
Rev. D. W. Kelley, Thomson charge	47 00
	$198 85

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. J. H. Klein, Ft. Wayne, Ind	84 00
Rev. J. D. Gaskenhimer, Ft. Paul's charge	6 00
Rev W. H. Fenneman, Bluffton charge	35 00
Rev. P. Becker, Whitely county, Ind	12 00
	$137 00

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Poland, Ind	22 25
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis, Ind	5 00
Rev. H. Kortheur, Terre Haute	4 00
Rev. F. Wahl, Dayton	15 00
	$46 25

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

Rev. H. K. Baines, Shelbyville	10 00
Rev. J. Stoneberger, Astoria	2 00
Rev. A. Toensmier, Beardstown	3 27
Illinois Classis, per Treasurer	17 00
Mr. Christian Zumdahl, per Rev. Geo. Weber	4 00
	$36 27

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Kemmerer, Wooster	46 00
Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton	36 00
Rev. S. N. King, New Lisbon	33 00
Mrs. Frenica Fretzer, per Rev. D Kemmerer	15 00
St. John's Classis, " "	50 00
Ragersville Missionary Society	9 00
Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanesville Congregation	4 89
	$192 89

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. F. C. Bauman, Harmony	3 00
Rev. J. Riale, Tipton	10 00
Rev. J. H. Buser, Oskaloosa	13 00
	$26 00

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.	00 00
SANDUSKY CLASSIS.	00 00
SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.	00 00

Whole amount Received	1665 65
Paid out	1659 46
Balance	6 19

The Treasurer credits himself as follows:

Balance due him as per last report, May 30, 1860	400 12
By error in footing said report	99
By cash paid Rev. C. Saure, Missionary 3d, G. R. C., Cin	95 00
" " " L. Rike, Missionary, Corydon, Ia	141 75
" " " H. E. C. Schutte, Miss'y Findlay, O	56 25
" " " H. Kortheur, Miss'y Terre Haute, Ind	75 00
" " " S. Mease, Miss'y 2d, G. R. Church, Cin	200 00
" " " H. K. Baines, Miss'y Shelbyville, Ill	200 00

"	"	"	P. Tendick, Miss'y Attica, Ohio.....	26 66
"	"	"	J. H. Buser, Miss'y Oskaloosa, Iowa..	175 00
"	"	"	J. Stoneberger, Miss'y Astoria, Ill...	37 00
"	"	"	J. Heller, Miss'y Fremont, O.....	25 00
"	"	"	E. F. Loeders, Miss'y Dayton, O.....	100 00
"	"		President of Board for expenses to Cincinnati on business.....	2 00
"	"		President of Board for Stamps, Envelopes and Stationery.....	8 00
"	"		Interest on money borrowed from bank	2 25
"			" " due me on last report, May 30, 1860, 6 mo.....	12 00
"	"		Envelopes, Stamps and Stationery...	1 50
"	"		Express on 2 packages of money.....	60
"	"		Postage on L. M. Certificates.....	34
"	"		Rev. A. Toensmier, Miss'y Beardstown, Ill	50 00
"	"		Missionary Station at Bryan, O.....	50 00
			Total amount paid out.....	$1659 46

A. H. BAUGHMAN, *Treasurer B. M.*

Xenia, O., May 29, 1861.

In addition to the above, Tiffin Classes raised $160,10, which were expended in the support of missionary stations within the bounds of said Classis under the direction of a Board of Missions, auxiliary to the General Board.

Sandusky Classis also raised $89,73, which were expended within its own bounds.

3.—*Report of the Committee on Missions.*

The Committee on Missions respectfully offer the following report:—

The only documents placed in our hands were the reports of the President and Treasurer, of the Board of Missions. From these it appears that the work entrusted to them by Synod, has been carried forward with considerable success. One field has become self-supporting, and others are advancing towards the same position. The Board, for want of funds, has taken charge of no new fields during the year. It appears also from the report of the President that in the month of January last, four missionary stations, within the bounds of Tiffin Classis, were given over to the care of the Board of said Classis, inasmuch as said Classis organized a society of its own. Six fields are still under the care of the Board, all of which are more or less promising, with an appropriation of $1000.

From the Treasurer's report it appears that the whole amount received was $1665,65, while it was expected that $3000 would be

at the command of the Board according to the apportionment of Synod at its last meeting. But some of the Classes having failed to meet their apportionment, it has made this great deficiency of $1334,45. This, dear brethren, ought not to be, if we expect the Board to carry forward the great work which has been committed to its care. From the pressing wants of the Board during a part of the year, (which has arisen from the want of the co-operation of the whole church,) and from the discouragement with which the Board has met, it has been constrained to suggest a change of Synod's policy in carrying forward the great missionary work of the church.

But your Committee feels that such a change is not necessary, for the fault is not in the policy of Synod, but in the want of its being carried out. Therefore, your Committee would offer the following:

WHEREAS, Some of the Classes have refused to operate through the parent Board of missions as requested by Synod, and have formed Classical Boards, and thereby have crippled the operations of the parent Board, in properly carrying out its designs: And, whereas so long as the Classical Boards continue, and the Classes refuse to operate through the parent Board, they will defeat the main object of said Board. Therefore,

Resolved, That Synod once more earnestly request those Classes which have such Boards to dissolve them, and cause all their missionary funds to pass through the hands of the parent Board, and if Classes will not comply with this request during the coming year, the Synod at its next annual meeting, make such changes as in its judgment it may deem best.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. BAINES, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

FINANCE.

The following report was received from the Treasurer of Synod, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Rev. ISAAC H. REITER, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Synod of Ohio, and adjacent States.

1860.			Dr.
May	31.	To balance in the Treasury,.....	$135 06
Aug.	28.	To Illinois Classis for Eng. Minutes of Synod for 1860, per Rev. H. K. Baines, in full,	4 00
	30.	To Sheboygan Classis perma't. appt. for 1859, in full,.....	7 50
Oct.	2.	To Sheboygan Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, and 20cts postage.....	1 20

	12.	To Lancaster Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1859, in full	25 00
		To Lancaster Classis per appt. for '59, in part.	5 00
	19.	To Westmoreland Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	27 50
		To St. John's Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	5 00
	27.	To Miami Classis per appt. for 1860, in full	31 50
Nov.	8.	To Lancaster " " " 1860,	13 50
		" " Eng. Min. Synod '60 in full	27 50
		" " Ger. " " "	5 00
		To St. Joseph Classis per appt. for 1858, in full	9 00
		" " " 1859, "	16 50
		" " " 1860, "	18 00
	10.	To Miami Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	50 00
		To Iowa Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	4 40
		To St. Joseph Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	6 60
		To Indiana Classis Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, per Revs. Stern and Pence	1 10
	22.	To Indiana Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	4 65
		To St. John's Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	35 00
		To Miami Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	3 50
		To Tiffin Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	20 50
		To Sheboygan Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	5 00
		To St. Joseph Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part	18 80
		To Iowa Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	2 75
Dec.	12.	To Illinois Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	2 50
		To Illinois Classis, per appt. for 1859, in full	7 50
		" " " 1860, "	6 00
		" " Eng. Min. of Synod for 1859, in full, per Rev. J. Hoyman	3 00
1861.			
Jan.	14.	To Sandusky Classis, Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full	27 00
		To Sandusky Classis per appt. for 1860, in full	14 50
		" " " 1861, in part	50
	26.	Miami Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, per Rev. C. Saure	25

Mar. 28.	To Westmoreland Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full, per Rev. G. B. Russell...	10	00
May 10.	To Sheboygan Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full.....	5	00
	To Indiana Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in part. per Rev. Zumpe.....	2	50
16.	To Iowa Classis per appt. for 1860, in part..	3	00
18.	To Indiana Classis per appt. for 1860, in full.	9	00
22.	To Miami Classis, Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, per Revs. D. Winters and Leis....	1	00
30.	To Iowa Classis, per appt. for 1860, in full, per Rev. J. Riale.....	1	50
	To Sheboygan Classis, per appt. for 1860, in part, per Rev. C. Schiller.....	7	00
31.	To Westmoreland Classis per appt. '61, in full	19	50
	Total, ...	$603	31

1860.		Cr.	
June 2.	By cash paid for printing tickets for the use of Synod.....	$ 1	00
	By cash paid Rev. H. Williard, traveling expenses as delegate to Eastern Synod, in '59,	24	00
Nov. 10.	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard for printing 2000 copies of Eng. Min. of Synod for 1860,	200	00
	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard on Stated Clerk fees, &c., for 1860.....	27	00
	By cash paid Rev. G. W. Williard in bill of sundries, in full.....	12	52
22.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, for translating and printing 1500 copies Ger. Min. of Synod for 1860, in full.....	165	00
	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, for postage on Ger. Min. for 1860.....	3	42
Dec. 24.	By cash paid for a blank book for Treasurer of Synod		50
1861.			
May 14.	By cash paid for stationery, postage, &c.....	2	87
18.	" Rev. G. W. Williard, postage on Minutes to Sheboygan Classis.....		20
31.	By balance in the Treasury.....	166	80
	Total, ...	$603	31

The amount received during the current year, according to the foregoing exhibit, is $468,25, which, including the balance of $135,06 in the Treasurer's hand at the last annual settlement, makes the total amount $603,31; of which there has been paid out $436,51, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $166,80.

The Treasurer, in accordance with the instructions of Synod, has

settled with the publishers, in full, for the printing of both the English and the German Minutes of Synod for 1860.

The amount due and unpaid by the several Classes, as will be seen from the accompanying statement, is $189,85, which should be paid without delay, in order to enable the Treasurer to meet promptly all contingent expenses for the next Synodical year.

Tiffin Classis still owes a balance of $27 on Synod's apportionment for 1858.

There is due and owing on the permanent apportionment, requiring from each minister $1,50 annually, from the Classis of—

Lancaster, for 1859	$11 50
Tiffin, for 1859	36 00
" " 1860	33 00
St. John's for 1860	24 00
Sheboygan, for 1860	8 00
Total,	$112 50

The amount due on English Minutes of Synod from the Classis of—

Indiana for 1859	$ 1 00
" 1860	1 90
Tiffin, for 1860	20 00
St. Joseph, for 1860	3 40
Total,	$26 30

The amount due on German Minutes of Synod from the Classis of—

Miami, for 1860	$ 5 50
Tiffin, for 1860	14 50
St. Joseph, for 1860	1 20
Indiana, for 1860	2 85
	24 05

Respectfully submitted,
I. H. REITER, *Treasurer of Synod.*

The Committee on Finance made the following report which was received and adopted :

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report as follows : That they have examined the following documents placed in their hands, and find them to be correct.

1. The report of the Treasurer of Synod, and find that the following Classes are delinquent : Miami, Tiffin, Lancaster, St. John's, St. Joseph's, Indiana and Sheboygan.

Your Commitee would recommend that these delinquent Classes be requested to settle their indebtedness to Synod as soon as possible.

2. The Financial reports of the Board of Home Missions, Board of Beneficiary Education, and the Board of Theological Seminary; and from these reports your Committee have collected the following:

CLASSES.	Am't col. for Seminary. dur. past yr.	Am't col. for Home Mis'ns, dur. past yr.	Am't col. for Ben. Educa'n, dur. past year.	Total Am't.	Total am't of appor. of Sy'd.
Miami,.....	55 56	687 39	169 03	871 98	1100 00
Lancaster,..	37 00	341 00	89 25	467 25	500 00
Sandusky,..	.....	89 73	76 00	165 73	500 00
Sheboygan,.	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Tiffin,.....	15 00	358 85	137 51	511 36	600 00
St. Joseph's	5 00	137 00	75 62	217 62	400 00
Indiana,....	.....	46 25	24 10	70 35	50 00
Illinois,.....	5 00	36 27	.....	41 27	50 00
St. John's,..	7 75	192 89	113 86	314 50	1000 00
Iowa,.....	5 00	26 00	5 00	36 00	50 00
Westmorel'd.	.....	100 00	600 00	700 00	700 00
Col. at Synod	14 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,	144 81	2015 38	1290 37	3396 06	5000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. RIALE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVII.

ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report according to the standing rule of Synod. The report was received and adopted, and the election held on Saturday afternoon with the following result:

1.—*Delegate to Eastern Synod.*

Rev. G. W. Williard, *Primarius*; Rev. S. B. Leiter, *Secundus.*

2.—*Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. D. Winters, P. C. Prugh, G. W. Williard, and Messrs. Thos. Schaeffer, A. H. Baughman, G. G. Prugh, B. C. Taylor.

3.—*Board of Trustees of Heidelberg College.* (For four years.)

Revs. G. B. Russell, Geo. W. Williard, P. C. Prugh, G. Z. Mechling; and Dr. John Treon, Mr. Wm. Snyder.

The following are the other members of the Board:

For 3 years.—Revs. D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, E. Keller; and N. L. Brewer, John Royer, and Thomas Swander.

For 2 years.—Revs. H. Rust, J. H. Klein; L. Shriver, John Bunn, L. Baltzel, and Wm. Barrick.

For 1 year.—Revs. J. H. Good, J. J. Esher, and J. G. Zahner; and Edward Swander, J. Kuhn, and J. Poorman.

4.—*Board of Visitors to the Theological Seminary.*

Revs. E. Keller, G. B. Russell, J. H. Good, R. Good, J. J. Esher, and D. W. Kelley.

5.—*Board of Visitors to Heidelberg College.*

Revs. A. Wanner, D. W. Kelley, M. Stern, J. I. Swander, J. H. Klein, and J. B. Thompson.

6.—*Board of Missions.*

Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. Winters, I. H. Reiter, G. W. Williard, H. Rust, L. H. Kefauver, A. C. Kendig, J. Schlosser, and Messrs. A. H. Baughman, B. C. Taylor, D. H. Prugh, J. Haller, D. Rader, P. Cost, and J. Ketteman.

7.—*Board of Publication.*

Revs. I. H. Reiter, D. Winters, G. Z. Mechling, and Messrs. Thos. Schaeffer, and A. H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XVIII.

PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication would report that the only document placed in their hands, is the following report of the Board of Publication:

During the past year, two meetings have been held for the transaction of business, but as nothing of special importance claimed our attention, our report will necessarily be brief. Respecting the Western Missionary, it may be stated, however, that it has been issued regularly as heretofore, every two weeks, at the city of Dayton, under the editorial supervision of Rev. Geo. W. Williard. No material alterations or improvements, either in its typographical appearance or contents, have been made The subscription list is a little larger than last year. The total number reaches about twenty-eight hundred. Owing to the troubles of our country, the number of discontinuances has been greater during the past year than at any time heretofore. The number of back-standing accounts is very embarrassing to the editor, and which, we think, could easily be obviated by the pastors in their several charges, is now probably from fourteen to fifteen hundred.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Z. MECHLING, *President of the Board.*

Thus it will be seen that the Western Missionary is still a welcome visitor to the families of our church. The desire that it should be published weekly, is still felt and expressed by many. Could the Cash System be fully entered into, and all out-standing subscriptions collected, this would be done at an early day.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. LOOSE, *Chairman.*

After the above report had been received and adopted, the Rev. Geo. B. Russell, of Pittsburg, Pa., made the following proposal:

Inasmuch as the wants of our western church demand a weekly paper, as the requests of different classes from time to time show:

And whereas, from the statements of the editor he is unwilling to assume the risk of publishing it weekly under present circumstances, &c.

The undersigned hereby proposes to take the publication of our western paper, with the hearty co-operation of the Synod, at his own risk, engaging to issue it weekly for ten years, on equally good, or better paper—equal to its present size—at the maximum rate of $1 50 per copy, leaving a margin for reduced rates in large clubs. And for this, will pay into the Synod's treasury two hundred dollars within two years from the date of the transfer of the paper to him.

And, in case the subscription list of good paying subscribers come at any time during the period above named, to exceed three thousand five hundred; then in addition to the bonus of *two hundred dollars* above offered, the Synod shall receive one-half of the net profits arising from the subscribers exceeding that number.

GEO. B. RUSSELL.

The vote on the above proposition was taken by calling for the yeas and nays, with the following result: *Yeas*—Revs. I. H. Reiter, T. H. Winters, N. H. Loose, J. Vogt, Wm. M'Caughey, J. M. Lefever, C. H. Reiter, J. Heller, J. H. Klein, S. N. King, H. K. Baines, J. Hoyman, J. Riale, C. Schiller and G. Z. Mechling. Elders F. Oldfather, J. Ohl, J. Poorman, J. Keller, J. Sliffe, C. Hart, and G. Ream, 22. *Nays*—Revs P. C. Prugh, R. Good and J. Klinger. Elders J. Ketteman and H. Leonard, 5.

The proposition being accepted, the Rev. Geo. W. Williard handed in his resignation as Editor, so as not to impede the accomplishment of the object contemplated in the above action. The resignation being accepted, Synod proceeded to the election of an Editor, which resulted in 21 votes for Rev. G. B. Russell, and 6 scattering, On motion, it was Resolved, that the election be declared unanimous.

In connection with the above, it was

Resolved, That the new arrangement go into effect on the 1st of January, 1862, and that the thanks of Synod be tendered to Rev' Geo. W. Williard for his efficient labors as editor.

The following persons were elected as an Editorial Committee: Revs. P. C. Prugh, I. H. Reiter, H. Rust, Dr. M. Kieffer and S. B. Leiter.

Rev. G. B. Russell called the attention of Synod to the Pastors' Helper, whereupon the following Committee was appointed to prepare a minute respecting it: Revs. J. Riale, L. H. Kefauver, T. H. Winters and J M'Connell. Elders H. Leonard and C. Hart. This Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee would offer the following report:

That it is with much joy we have greeted the continued appearance and improved condition of the Pastor's Helper, during the past year, and consider it to be just that which is so much needed to supply a want which has been heretofore felt in instilling our own peculiar church life into the hearts and minds of the rising generation. We would therefore cordially reccommend it to the various congregations and families of this Synod, as being worthy of their liberal support; and would also recommend that each pastor recommend it to the Sunday Schools and families of his charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RIALE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIX.

EDUCATION.

The Treasurer of the Board of Visitors presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Education:

R. Good, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Education of the German Reformed Church of the Synod of Ohio, &c. To amount of money received from May 24, 1860, to May 31, 1861, as follows:

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

Rev. D. W. Kelley, Thompson charge,	$36 00
Rev. Max. Stern, Gallion charge,	2 06
Rev. J. J. Escher, Berwick charge,	61 00
Rev. E. Keller, Bucyrus charge,	14 22
Rev. J. H. Good, 2nd Church, Tiffin,	5 36
Rev. P. Teudick, Attica mission,	8 85
Rev. J. Knie, Vermillion charge,	1 50
Rev. M Miller, Bascom charge,	4 33
Rev. R. Good, Salem cong	1 43
Rev. C. Bank, New Bremen charge,	4 00
Rev. Wm. Reuter, Kenton charge,	3 06
Rev. J. G. Rule, Marion charge,	6 70
Elder J. Kuhn, Shelby charge,	5 00
Total	$137 51

MIAMI CLASSIS.

Rev. E. F. Loeders, 2nd Church, Dayton,	$ 7 50
Rev I. C. Reiter, Miamisburg charge	20 65
Rev. C. Saure, 3rd Church, Cincinnati,	10 75
Rev. G. W. Williard, Dayton,	18 00
Rev. A. Wanner, Germantown charge,	10 00
Rev. D. Winters, Mt. Zion charge,	35 00
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Dayton,	5 00
Rev. J. Richards, Union charge,	17 13
Mr. A. H. Baughman, Xenia charge,	5 00
Total,	$129 03

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

Rev. D. Kemmerer, Treasurer of Classis,	$84 72
Rev. J. G. Zahner, Shanesville charge,	5 14
Rev. P. Herbrook, Canton charge,	2 00
Rev J. W. Hamm, Manchester charge,	7 00
Rev. S N. King, New Lisbon charge,	10 00
Mr. M. Hauk, per Rev. D. Kemmerer,	5 00
Total,	$113 86

LANCASTER CLASSIS

Rev. C. W. Hoyman, Somerset charge,	$12 25
Rev. H. King, Union charge,	6 00
Rev. J. I. Swander, Kinnick-Kinnick charge,	10 00
Rev. N. H. Loose, Sugar Grove charge,	20 00
Rev. J. Vogt, Basil charge,	23 00
Rev. H. Williard, Columbus,	8 00
Rev J. Thompson, Delaware,	10 00
Total,	$79 25

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

Rev. S. B. Leiter, and J. H. Good,	1 00
Rev. C. H. Reiter, Bristol charge,	10 00
Mr. C. F. Ricks, Treasurer of Classis,	65 00
Total,	$76 00

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS.

Rev. P. Vitz, Adams Co. mission,	13 00
Rev. J. B. Rule, Huntington,	4 00
Rev. J. Brakefield, Lafayette,	5 00
Rev. A. Schroeder, Detroit,	5 00
Rev. B. Becker,	2 00
Rev. J. G. Kissel,	5 22
A christian brother in Huntington,	3 00
A " " " Williams Co.	1 00
Rev. W. Wasnich, Bush Creek charge,	10 78
Rev. J. K. Kline, St. John's cong.	15 00
Rev. J. G. Gackenheimer, St. Paul's charge,	2 00
Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Bluffton,	8 62
Mr. J. J. Feller,	1 00
Total,	$75 62

INDIANA CLASSIS.

Rev. G. H. Zumpe, Poland,	9 00
Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis,	5,00
Rev. John Blaetgen, Evansville,	7 60
Mr. F. Schroeder,	2 50
Total,	$24 10

IOWA CLASSIS.

Rev. J. Riale, Iowa,	5 00
Interest on money loaned out,	10 00
Total Income,	$660 37
CONTRA CR.	
By balance due Treasurer May 24, 1860,	14 65
By amount of Interest paid, $6 00. Exchange, 33,	6 33
By amount of Postage,	1 00
By amount p'd Heidelberg College on loan of $100,	50 00
By amount p d Beneficiaries as per vouchers,	456 67
By Balance remaining in Treasury May 31, 1861,	131 72
Total,	660 37

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of permanent fund is	325 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY BORROWED

From Heidelberg College a balance of	50 00
From Permanent Fund,	170 00
Total,	$220 00

R. GOOD, *Treasurer.*

TIFFIN, O., May 31, 1861.

To this must be added the contributions to the Beneficiary cause by the Westmoreland Classis, which owing to their peculiar relations to other institutions do not appear in the operations of the above Board. They have six students sustained by their classical contributions amounting to about six hundred dollars which does not pass through this treasuary.

The Committee to which the report of the Board of Visitors was referred, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

From the report of the Board of Education we learn that the cause is in a much more flourishing condition than the former year.

The income, during the current Synodical year, has been $660 37. This is considerably more than the real income of the former year. Our Treasurer has been enabled to meet the claims of our beneficiaries, and to pay $50 00 of our indebtedness, and has still left in the Treasury a balance of $131 72. There still remains a debt on borrowed money of $220 00 which could easily be removed, our Beneficiaries be supported and their number, even be increased, if

we were to do for this cause what its importance demands. May the Lord give us grace to increase our activity and zeal in the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolutions Respecting Benevolent Objects.

Resolved, That we as a Synod put fort a united effort to raise the sum of $5000 for benevolent objects during the year.

A Committee consisting of Revs. I. H. Reiter, R. Good, and J. Ohl, was appointed to apportion this sum among the different Classes, which Committee reported as follows:

The Committee on apportionment report, that of the $5000 to be raised for benevolent objects, the following proportions of said amount can be expected of the several Classes: Miami, $1000; Lancaster, $500; Westmoreland, $700; Sandusky, $500; Sheboygan, $50; Tiffin, $700; St. John's, $1000; St. Joseph's, $360; Indiana, $70; Illinois, $70; Iowa, $50.

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. REITER, *Chairman.*

On motion it was resolved that $1500 of the above sum be apportioned to the Theological Seminary; $2500 to Missions, and $1000 for Beneficary Education.

Publication of Minutes of Synod in English.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to publish 2000 copies of the Minutes of Synod in the English language, and that the Treasurer of Synod pay for the same at the rate of ten cents per copy, charging the Classes at the same rate according to the number of copies received.

Publication of Minutes of Synod in German.

There being but a comparatively small number of copies ordered in the German language, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the proposition of the Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, to translate and publish the Minutes of Synod in the German language be accepted, provided he receive orders for 1500, and in case that number be not wanted, then the cost be divided *pro rata* on each number, and those receiving them, pay for the copies received.

Reporters.

Revs. J. I. Swander and G. Z. Mechling were appointed reporters of the proceedings of Synod for the English papers, and Rev. J. H. Kline, for the German.

Visit to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Rev. F. Merrick, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware, having invited Synod in behalf of the Faculty, to visit the University, it was,

Resolved, That we accept the kind invitation and meet at the Church on Saturday morning, at 8¼ o'clock, and proceed from here to the Chapel to attend the lecture of Dr. Schaff, before the Faculty and students, and thence proceed to the University.

The Delegate from the East.

The Rev. Dr. P. Schaff, Delegate from the Eastern Synod took his leave by making some appropriate remarks expressive of the interest which he himself had taken in the discussions of Synod, and in meeting so many of his old friends and students, as well as the interest of the Synod he represented, in the progress of the church West. His remarks were briefly responded to by the President, who gave him the assurance in return that the West feels greatly interested in the prosperity of the church East.

Vote of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod express its high sense of gratitude to the members of the German Reformed Congregation, and to the community of Delaware generally, for the kind hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst, and that the Pastors of the place be requested to read this resolution from their pulpits.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to return the thanks of Synod to the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, for their kind offer to allow the members of Synod a free pass back over the road as far as they had paid full fare in coming.

Financial Secretary.

Whereas, Our Theological Seminary, with its increased force of the newly elected German Professor, will draw largely on the benevolent resources of the Church, therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. M. Kieffer be authorized to act as a Financial Secretary, and also to use his influence personally during the vacation, especially in the way of raising funds for the Institution and the other benevolent objects of the Church.

ARTICLE XXI.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT.

Dayton, Ohio, having been selected as the place for our next Annual Meeting, and the third Wednesday in May, 1862, in the evening, at 8 o'clock, as the time, it was on motion,

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at the above named place and time.

The minutes were read and approved by Synod. The roll being called, all the members were present except such as had been excused.

Synod adjourned at a late hour on Monday night, and was dismissed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

M. KIEFFER, *pro tem. President.*

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

The above is an official copy from the original minutes.

G. W. WILLIARD, *Stated Clerk.*

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report on the State of Religion and Morals in the Eastern Synod for the year 1860.*

REVEREND FATHERS: BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:—It is the first of all our duty to give thanks unto God, the Giver of life, for His great mercy towards us: that, though at best we are unprofitable servants, His patience and long suffering has spared us still to engage in the holy work of His kingdom on earth, in the ministry of reconciliation through Christ. Let us humbly acknowledge our own imperfections and short-comings, and devoutly adore the goodness of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

But we have received at least one admonition warning us to be faithful; that the time will inevitably come, when we must give an account of our stewardship to Him, before whom the secrets of the heart are revealed. Our Reverend Father, John A. Strassburger, closed his eyes upon the scene of his labors, May 2, 1860. As the faded leaf of autumn rustles softly to the earth, so from the impulse of nature, his body sunk into the grave with the crown of honor upon his head; and after he had labored for thirty-six years and three months in the Church millitant, he has now gone to enjoy the bliss of the Church triumphant. Peace be to his ashes on earth; the felicity of the saints of God to his soul in heaven.

But let us, who survive, pay earnest heed to this renewed admonition, and return to our labors with increased zeal, diligence and faithfulness. In the grave, whither all are going, there is no work nor device. The work which God has assigned to each of us personally, if undone at this point, will for us, remain undone forever. And if God should after us raise up others more diligent and faithful, theirs will be the honor; ours the shame. Better wear out in the furrow than rust out upon the plain.

The tone of the documents put into the hands of your Committee are generally cheerful and hopeful. They are conscious of no weight to oppress; of no tornado approaching to destroy. Let us

*We deviate from the usual course, in putting this Report and the Statistical Tables of the East, before those of the West, in consequence of not having the Statistical Table of the Westmoreland Classis, with the hope it may still arrive in time to be inserted in the last form.

not then, the representatives of the Church East, brood over the future, but unite with the voices of all these reports and say to each other, say to the whole Church that is looking expectantly towards us: Brethren, be joyful, be glad in the Lord our strength. Our Church is evidently moving onward; we believe, too, upward. Whilst its channel is becoming wider, its current is also becoming deeper. Whilst it is growing ever more anxious to lengthen its cords, it has not forgotten to strengthen its stakes.

A most pleasing and encouraging feature of all these reports is the oneness of which they speak, and of which their tone gives evidence. As regards our people, only three or four congregations are reported within the entire bounds of the Synod as troubled with dissensions. As a general thing, then, our congregations enjoy peace and harmony. May they ever continue thus. This general harmonious condition seems also to prevail among the ministry. We have before us reports from all sections of our synodical bounds; and yet to a remarkable degree, they breathe the same spirit, discuss the same topics, speak the same language, express the same hopes, and desire the accomplishment of the same ends. We could almost say, that our Church is in the main a unit. We would not, indeed, hide the fact, that there are among us varying shades of opinion and diversities of practice. But we are not certain whether this is a fact that needs to be hidden; or a state that we should be ashamed of. The garden of our Lord has room for an infinite variety of flowers. Whether they be beautiful without fragrance, or fragrant without beauty; whether they be gorgeous to demand our admiration, or simple and unpretending to win our love; let us suffer them to grow side by side of each other, a beautiful sisterhood ef Christian graces and perfections: only taking care, by our synodical actions, that excesses be avoided, and that the one usurp not the place of the other; that so the beautiful world of grace created by God in Christ Jesus be not marred by distortions, monstrosities or defects. To accomplish this purpose more and more, let us still further cultivate that lovely spirit, which has been exemplified among us so often and so generally: the spirit of charity, forbearance and courtesy. Let us deeply feel it and declare it: We are brethren.

The reports speak much of the baptism of children, of the high estimation in which it is held, and the almost universal habit of employing it for the introduction of our infants into the Church. But they do not speak of it as a magical form; which, once pronounced, will save its subjects whether willing or unwilling, whether subsequent conditions be favorable or adverse. It is indeed the sign and seal of divine grace; but this grace must be forwarded to its end by means and instrumentalities which are the same in character with itself, or all will be lost at last. If it does implant the germ of a higher order of life, this germ must be carefully guarded, fostered and nurtured; that so it may become a tree, and the tree bring

forth fruit to the glory of God and his Christ. For this reason the reports insist so unanimously upon parental training. The "Church in the family" is deeply rooted in our consciousness, and will in the end effect its legitimate results. For this reason, our pastors are generally faithful catechists. For this reason, too, they support the Sunday school as the Church of the young. And hence, too, they employ discipline to correct offenders; and, if need be, cut off the member.

The spirit of benevolence, according to these reports, is steadily increasing. Of princely munificence, indeed, no single case is reported: but this, perhaps, for the simple reason that there are no princes among us. Much in this respect is left to be done, as all the reports admit, and as we all lament. The institutions of the Church and its benevolent enterprizes are not supported with that open-handed liberality which we have reason to expect. But even here an improvement is supposed to have taken place, and we have no reason to despair. Only let us not despise small things. The ten thousand little rills which trickle from the rocks and murmur along the valleys, form the mighty rivers which replenish the ocean. If the widow's mite is of little value in the eyes of men, it is priceless in the sight of God, and will purchase countless divine blessings.

Making all proper allowance, however, we must nevertheless acknowledge that we are not a liberal people. This is perhaps the principal defect in our religious life, a defect which we ought to employ the most strenuous efforts to correct. Wealth does not result from accumulation, but from exchange. We must cast away the seed, if we would reap the harvest. The ocean must send up its incessant streams of vapor, if it would be replenished by the mighty rivers. But this very replenishing would be a misfortune, if it did not return its abundance to the source. So also the very blessings of heaven will become a curse, if we do not by our benevolence return them to the Giver.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. REINECKE, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF EASTERN SYNOD.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
C. G. Herman	6	Kutztown, &c.	1500	1550	114	54	..	770	..	..	45	10	Maxatany, Berks county, Pa.
Joseph S. Dubs	5	Allentown, &c.	2100	2125	147	109	..	1802	..	..	84	14	North White Hall, Lehigh co. do.
John Zulich	3	Jacobs, &c.	1000	850	110	51	..	607	..	..	65	15	Stinesville, do. do.
William A. Helfrich	8	Ziegel, &c.	1500	1550	164	108	..	1803	3	..	56	8	Foglesville, do. do.
J. S. Herman	8	Coxtown, &c.	1400	1450	150	100	5	1350	..	..	60	10	Kutztown, Berks co. do.
Charles Becker	7	Chestnut Hill, &c.	*500	420	115	37	..	300	..	..	56	9	Fennersville, Monroe co. do
C. G. Eichenberg	7	Weisport, &c.	*615	830	175	41	..	350	..	..	45	5	Weisport, Carbon. do. do.
Cyrus J. Becker	3	Catasaqua, &c.	550	600	90	20	5	500	..	..	25	4	White Hall, Lehigh. do. do.
Alfred J. Herman	5	Jerusalem, &c.	750	600	125	60	..	640	..	..	20	6	Maxatany, Berks. do. do.
D. F. Brendle	5	Farmersville, &c.	695	800	67	38	..	510	..	..	23	5	Bethlehem, Northampton co. do.
Isaac K. Loos	4	Mount Bethel, &c.	750	600	110	44	..	500	15	5	39	8	Richmond, do. do. do.
John Beck	1	Easton,	580	500	45	36	..	500	3	2	19	1	Easton, do. do. du.
Joshua H. Derr	1	Allentown,	450	300	37	9	..	250	..	3	29	1	Allentown, Lehigh. do. do.
Levi K. Derr	2	Tamaqua, &c.	400	500	59	16	..	277	..	8	74	2	Tamaqua, Schuylkill. do. do.
E. W. Reinecke	3	Bethlehem, &c.	780	785	81	36	...	636	..	..	27	5	Bethlehem, Northampton do. do.
Daniel Y. Hiesler	3	Plainfield, &c.	620	600	42	32	22	503	..	1	27	2	Nazareth, do. do. do.
F. Strassner	3	Wilkesbarre, &c.	124	150	61	15	5	124	..	4	3	3	Wilkesbarre, Luzerne do. do.
John Gantenbein	6	Kreidersville, &c.	1200	1250	30	110	..	900	..	..	18	6	Kreidersville, Northamp. do. do.
John W. Lescher	..	(Teacher,)	....	.	....	...	..	.....	..	..	..	..	Easton, do. do. do.
W. R. Hofford	..	do. Licentiate,	....	....	....	....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	Allentown, Lehigh. do. do.
George B. Dechant,†	4	Hamilton, &c.	150	100	10	....	..	150	..	..	10	2	Stroudsburg, Monroe. do. do.
John Henry Dubs,‡	4	South Whitehall, &c.	400	450	63	51	..	295	..	..	42	5	Allentown, Lehigh. do. do.
Vacant,	1	Lower Saucon,	450	400	25	25	..	650	..	..	20	1	

*Modified upon the basis of last year's report. †Assistant in Allentown. ‡Lately taken charge.

LEBANON CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Names of Charges.	Members.	Unconfirmed Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Post Office Address.
Phillip Mayer,.....	..	Without charge, ...	....	...	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	Orwigsburg, Schuylkill co. Pa....
John Gring,.....	4	Fredericksburg charge,..	400	....	50	....	..	340	..	..	13	5	Fredericksburg, Lebanon do....
Thomas H. Leinbach,	7	Tulpehocken do....	1400	....	141	62	...	1000	..	..	40	8	Meyerstown, ...do.....do....
Isaac Miese,.....	5	Bern.....do....	1200	984	102	44	..	1000	..	..	41	10	Lower Bern, Berks county, do....
Augustus L. Herman	9	Hamburg.....do....	1096	....	250	109	..	1096	..	..	46	12	Reading,.....do....do....do....
Franklin W. Kremer	2	Lebanon.....do....	900	800	84	46	16	550	..	16	26	2	Lebanon, Lebanon..do....do....
Aaron S. Leinbach,..	2	1st Church of Reading, &c	1050	....	171	93	..	950	..	..	85	3	Reading, Berks.....do....do....
Henry Wagner, ...	4	Orwigsburg charge,.....	259	....	44	20	..	252	..	..	25	5	Orwigsburg, Schuolkill co.,do....
Jacob D. Zehring,...	6	Host .....do.....	1215	920	150	71	..	835	...	..	56	11	Bernville, Berks county,...do....
Abraham Romich,..	3	Jonestown...do.....	304	364	44	13	..	210	..	..	9	3	Jonestown, Lebanon co....do....
William A. Good,...	3	Bernville....do.....	300	....	28	28	..	300	..	..	3	6	Reading, Berks.....do....do....
Jacob Klein,.....	5	Minersville ..do.....	750	852	167	44	..	674	..	..	40	8	Schuylkill Haven,Schuylkill co. Pa
Jona. E. Hiester,...	5	Palmyra.....do.....	400	275	35	25	..	315	..	..	16	4	Annville, Lebanon co.,.... Pa....
Charles F. M'Cauley,	1	2d Church of Reading,....	200	....	15	41	4	190	..	3	13	2	Ellwood, Schuylkill do ....do....
Joseph H. Apple,...	1	Emanuel's charge,.....	75	....	7	7	..	50	..	..	3	1	Reimersburg, Clarion co....do....
Samuel Miller,.....	5	Pottsville.....do.....	300	....	13	12	18	200	..	..	7	4	Pottsville, Schuylkill co...do....
Thomas C. Leinbach,	..	Assistant of his Father,..	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	Meyerstown, Lebanon co..do....
George R. Zacharias,	..	Licentiate,.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	Reading, Berks co.....do....
Vacant, ...	..	Tremont charge,.....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....

ZION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Ziegler,	5	Cruets Creek charge,	630	425	82	22	2	585	..	..	29	6	York, York county, Pa.
Jacob Sechler	4	Littlestown....do	470	300	60	18	..	400	..	..	46	5	Littlestown, Adams county, do.
Frederick W. Vandersloot	5	Windsor,	340	200	55	30	..	300	..	..	17	3	York, do.
Daniel Riegle,	5	Dillsburg,	350	200	..	..	..	347	..	..	..	4	Dillsburg, York.....do. do.
Amos R. Kramer,	1	Carlisle,	330	200	14	...	5	223	3	..	7	1	Lancaster do.
George Leidy,	..	Without charge,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Carlisle, do.
Jacob Zeigler,	4	Conowago,	305	200	33	32	5	295	5	..	24	4	Gettysburg, do.
William C. Bennet,	..	Without charge,	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Boiling Springs, Cumberland co. do.
Samuel Kuhn,	6	Bloomfield,	330	200	27	13	16	315	..	..	1	5	Bloomfield, Perry .....do. do.
David Bossler	5	Quickel's, &c.	200	100	13	..	..	119	..	..	21	3	York, do.
Emanuel H. Hoffheins,	5	Abbottstown,	530	350	48	16	20	500	3	..	26	6	Abbottstown, do.
Jacob O. Miller,	1	York, (English)	400	....	34	37	8	275	5	..	..	2	York, do.
Daniel Gring,	6	Shrewsburg,	441	300	42	18	..	415	..	..	15	6	Shrewsbury, do.
Julius Kurtz,	4	Emanuel's,	450	400	58	43	2	440	..	..	16	3	Hanover, do.
T. P. Bucher,	3	Gettysburg,	450	500	45	32	26	404	..	..	13	1	Gettysburg, do.
W. M. Reily,	..	Licentiate	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
W. K. Zieber,	2	Hanover,	500	400	48	36	4	450	3	..	24	2	Hanover, do.
J. M. Mickly,	2	Zion's	286	....	18	1	..	262	3	..	1	5	Ickesburg, Perry county, do.
A. R. Kremer,	4	Mechanicsburg	187	102	6	7	6	125	2	..	2	2	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland co., do.
George E. Adams,	2	Sulphur Spring	155	175	..	..	..	140	..	..	..	3	Carlisle, do
Henry Mosser,	4	Landisburg,	708	800	..	..	..	635	..	..	..	10	Landisburg, do.
Vacant	4	Newville,	190	125	..	..	..	120	..	..	..	1	Newville, do.
..do	1	York, (German)	250	300	..	26	4	155	..	..	..	..	
..do	2	Holtzschwam and Pigeon Hill,†	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
..do	1	Bartholomew,‡	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	

*Supplied by Rev. Ziegler. †Supplied by E. H. Hoffheins. ‡By J. Sechler.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicat'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Elias Heiner, D. D.	1	First Church, Baltimore,	325	250	16	12	..	325	..	..	10	2	Baltimore, Md.
Vacant,	1	Second..do.....do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	....do.....do
John S. Foulk,	1	Third..do.....do	225	152	13	12	8	198	..	4	7	1	....do.....do
John Kuelling,	1	Fourth..do.....do	470	265	125	37	36	380	..	..	29	1	....do.....do
Daniel Zacharias, D. D.	1	Frederick City,	449	570	56	25	7	410	..	6	40	2	Frederick City.....do
George W. Gleasner,	1	Middletown,	444	378	37	10	..	389	..	2	6	5	Middletown, Frederick co.....do
Samuel H. Giesy,	2	Hagerstown and Salem,	216	200	18	4	4	190	..	3	9	1	Philadelphia, ...do
Mortimer L. Shuford,	3	Mount Moriah,	168	100	34	7	2	146	..	2	6	2	Sharpsburg, Washington co.....do
Henry Wissler,	6	Manchester,	628	560	53	50	..	514	..	4	20	6	Manchester, Carroll.....do.....do
Walter E. Krebs,	2	Emmittsburg,	287	200	14	26	2	249	..	4	11	2	Emmittsburg, Frederick..do.....do
Joseph W. Santee,	4	Cavetown,	398	190	28	23	4	360	..	..	9	3	Cavetown, Washington....do.....do
William F. Colliflower,	3	Jefferson,	399	316	18	17	1	300	..	..	5	4	Jefferson, Frederick.....do.....do
Moses A. Stewart,	1	Burkettsville,	100	80	4	4	3	85	..	8	2	1	Burkettsville, do.....do.....do
.....	1	Silver Run,*	350	690	25	31	..	215	..	..	11	..	Silver Run, Carroll.....do.....do
Charles Cast,	1	Second Church, Hagerstown,	126	140	12	5	..	100	..	3	5	1	Hagerstown, Washington do.....do
P. A. Schwartz,	1	St. John's Church, Frederick,	160	....	....	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	Frederick City,.....do.
Lewis A. Brunner,	2	Boonsboro,	140	....	15	1	6	120	..	..	8	..	Boonsboro, Washington...do.....do
Jesse Steiner,	4	Glade,	384	400	52	18	1	373	..	1	6	2	Walkersville, Frederick..do.....do
Vacant,	1	Fifth Church, Baltimore,	225	....	....	..	..	225	..	..	..	..	Baltimore,.....do
Henry I. Comfort,	4	Mechanicstown,	240	170	40	10	2	185	..	5	13	1	Mechanicstown, Frederick do.....do.
John G. Fritchey,	5	Taneytown,	275	300	41	6	5	320	..	5	3	5	Taneytown, Carroll .....do.....do
Benjamin Schneider, D.D.	..	Foreign Missionary,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Aintab, Syria
.....	2	Clearspring,†	182	175	8	6	4	125	..	1	..	1	Clearspring, Washington do.....do..
Frederick A. Herzberger	..	Suspended,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Baltimore,.....do
Robert Douglass,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Shepherdstown, Jefferson do.....do
Wm. H. Zimmerman,	..	.....do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Frederick City, ...Md
George L. Staley,	.	Mt. Washington F. College,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Mt. Washington, Baltimore co.....do
Charles Jackol,	..	Licentiate	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Baltimore City,

*Supplied by Rev. J. Sechler, Littlestown, Pa. †Supplied by Rev. J. Rebaugh, Greencastle, Pa.

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Mem.	Baptisms.	Confirmat'on.	Certificates.	Communic'ts.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John C. Hensell,	5	Rockingham,	257	....	15	..	..	200	..	..	6	4	Mt. Crawford, ... Va.
Daniel Feete,	3	Woodstock,	199	....	15	15	..	190	..	3	3	5	Woodstoock, ... do.
Daniel G. Bragonier,	2	Martinsburg,	137	....	25	7	..	137	..	4	..	1	Edenberg, ... do.
George H. Martin,	1	London,	110	....	10	7	..	110	..	..	1	1	Lovettsville, ... do.
Henry St. John Rinker,	4	Mill Creek,	255	....	26	33	..	255	..	..	3	3	Hamburg, ... do.
John H. Crawford,	3	Middlebrook,	158	....	16	..	.	158	..	1	6	1	Middlebrook, ... do.
G. W. Aughinbaugh,	2	Central,	43	....	4	2	2	43	..	1	1	1	Orkney Springs, ... do
J. M. Titzel,	2	Shepherdstown & Winchester,	145	....	4	4	..	135	..	2	..	2	Shepherdstown, ... do.
Charles Cast,	1	Martinsburg, (German)	112	....	24	8	19	....	..	12	4	1	Hagerstown, ... Md.
Vacant,	..	Pendleton,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	...
..do.	..	Central,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	...

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregat's.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Mem.	Baptised.	Confirmat'ns.	Certificate.	Communic't's	Dismissed.	Excommuni.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
George Boger,	..	No charge	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Klutt's Tanyard, ... N. C.
John Lantz,	3	Newton,	157	....	....	..	..	157	..	..	..	..	Newtown, ... do.
David Crooks,	2	Lincolnton,	154	....	....	..	..	154	..	..	..	..	Lincolnton, ... do.
G. William Welker,	3	Guilford,	305	....	....	..	..	305	..	..	..	..	Brick Church, ... do.
Jeremiah Ingold,	3	Catawba,	99	....	....	..	..	99	..	..	..	..	Lincolnton, ... do.
Thornton Butler,	3	East Rowan,	280	....	....	..	..	280	..	..	..	..	Gold Hill, ... do.
Samuel J. Fetzer,	2	West Rowan,	262	....	....	..	..	262	..	..	..	..	Eufaula, ... do.
P. Allison Long,	8	Davidson,	312	....	....	..	..	312	..	..	..	..	Midway, ... do.

Vacant: Newton; Friendship, 24 members; Stoner's, 40 members.

PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Samuel Helfenstein, D.D.	..	No charge,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Gwynedd, Montgomery county, Pa.
Samuel Helfenstein, Jr.	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Blue Bell, do do do
John S. Ermentrout,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Reading, do
Charles Lukens,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Frankford, Philadelphia do do
George D. Wolff,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Norristown, Montgomery do do
Charles W. Schultz,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
John R. Kooken,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Trinadad, Cuba
E. M. Long,	..	do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Norristown, Montgomery do do
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	1	Philadelphia,	305	....	11	15	34	267	..	4	12	4	Philadelphia, do
Nicholas Gehr,	1	Zions,	500	200	146	21	41	480	..	27	35	1	Kensington, Philadelphia do do
J. G. Weible,	1	Salem,	774	....	....	..	..	772	..	..	..	..	Philadelphia, do
Samuel G. Wagner,	2	Bohms,	166	....	3	10	5	166	..	5	2	1	Blue Bell, Montgomery do do
Jesse B. Knipe,	3	Pikeland,	150	....	30	14	..	150	..	..	..	3	Chester Springs, Chester, do do
Alfred B. Shenkle,	3	Trappe,	460	....	19	23	..	325	..	..	5	3	Trappe, Montgomery do do
William Sorber,	4	Brownbacks,	300	....	25	25	..	166	..	..	6	4	East Vincent, Chester do do
N. S. Allen,	2	Pleasantville,	226	....	..	11	..	226	..	..	2	2	Pleasantville, Bucks do do
do supply,	1	St. Peters,	61	....	....	..	..	61	..	..	..	1	
William G. Hackman,	1	Wentz',	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	1	
Sam. G. Wagner, supply,	1	Whitemarsh,	106	....	3	2	..	82	..	..	..	1	
Jesse B. Knipe, do	1	West Vincent,	111	....	....	..	..	111	..	..	..	..	
P. Seibert Davis,	1	Norristown,	150	...	11	10	8	129	..	..	2	1	Norristown, do
G. K. Graham,	1	Bethlehem,	281	290	41	22	15	279	..	..	14	2	Kensington, do

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths.	S. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Phillip Schaff, D. D.,	..	Professor in Theological Sem'y	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa.
Bernard C. Wolf, D. D.	..	do do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	do do do
Samuel R. Fisher, D. D	..	Editor of Ger. Ref. Messenger,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Chambersburg, do do
Benjamin Bausman,	..	do do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	do do do
Benj. S. Schneck, D. D.	1	2d. ch., (St. John's) Chamb'brg.	60	98	5	6	8	60	2	1	2	..	do do do
John Rebaugh,	1	Middleburg,	100	200	15	6	3	90	3	1	4	2	Greencastle, do do
Samuel Philips,	1	Chambersburg,	361	395	24	30	14	327	8	..	8	1	Carlisle, do
Frederick A. Rupley,	1	Shippensburg,	150	100	8	7	6	140	5	..	5	1	Middletown, Md.
Theobald Fouse,	5	Woodcock Valley,	450	620	60	22	12	435	4	2	9	4	James Creek, Huntingdon co. do
Henry Heckerman,	2	Bedford,	296	150	13	22	2	276	..	..	7	3	Bedford, Bedford county, do
Jacob Hasler,	3	Martinsburg,	168	150	21	10	5	148	4	..	5	1	Martinsburg, Blair do do
William M. Deatrick,	3	Yellow Creek,	178	245	13	6	7	162	4	..	6	3	Pattonsville, Bedford county, do
Henry W. Super,	2	Waynesboro',	250	166	14	4	8	200	4	..	1	1	Waynesboro', Franklin do do
Samuel H. Reid,	3	Huntingdon,	247	291	41	9	18	247	..	..	..	3	Huntingdon, Huntingdon do do
Nicholas E. Gilds,	5	St. Clairsville,	550	750	48	26	.	490	5	..	25	4	St. Clairsville, Bedford do do
Joseph Hannabery,	3	Schellsburg,	283	227	37	41	..	217	..	..	3	2	Schellsburg, do do do
Charles F. Hoffmeier,	3	Friend's Cove,	260	300	11	16	2	230	3	..	4	1	Charlesville, do do do
Isaac G. Brown,	2	Mercersburg,	190	1'3	6	7	9	177	..	..	1	2	Mercersburg, Franklin do do
Thomas G. Apple,	1	Greencastle,	320	320	28	30	9	268	2	..	7	1	Greencastle, do do do
John G. Wolff,	4	Waterstreet,	300	....	18	19	2	243	4	..	3	3	Alexandria, Huntingdon do do
John Ault,	2	London and St. Thomas,	250	200	27	51	9	235	12	..	5	2	London, Franklin do do
David Helfelfinger,	4	Grindstonehill,	242	175	....	..	..	178	..	..	..	2	Deceased
Frederick A. Scholl,	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Greencastle, Franklin do do
Joshua Riale,	..	Missionary in Iowa,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Lisbon, Linn do do
Casper Scheel,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Freedom Station, Butler do do
Vacant	3	McConnellsburg,	165	93	....	..	..	110	..	..	..	..	
do	4	Upper Strasburg,	156	150	....	13	2	91	..	..	..	..	

WITHOUT CHARGE—Jacob Mayer, Wm. D. Rodrock, Joseph S. Loose, Daniel M. Giles. LICENTIATES—C. B. Wolff, William R. H. Deatrick, Josiah May and John H. Wagner.

GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS,	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicat'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Daniel Zeller,	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.
John S. Kessler, D. D.,	2	Upper Milford, St. Peters, &c	160	....	21	13	..	100	..	..	11	2	do do do
Daniel Weiser,	2	New Goshenhoppen and Swamp,	900	1200	86	50	10	725	..	..	30	4	Pennsburg. Mont. do do
Peter S. Fisher,	4	Sellersville,	1100	....	73	76	..	858	..	2	36	10	Sellersville, Bucks do od
Samuel Hess,	6	St. Pauls, Jerusalem, &c.	850	....	111	62	..	785	..	..	56	6	Hellertown, Northampton co do
Lewis C. Herman,	1	Lobachs,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	New Hanover, Montgomery co do
William Philips,	2	Reiglesville and Upper Tinicum,	80	....	20	7	..	80	..	..	5	1	Easton, Northampton do do
N. S. Strassburger,	4	Pottstown, Amity, Limerick &c.	725	680	58	64	2	598	..	4	42	5	Pottstown, Montgomery do do
A. L. Dechant,	4	Keelers, Boyerstown, &c.	575	785	49	31	..	669	..	..	29	6	Frederick, do do do
A. J. G. Dubs,	5	Saucon,	870	....	91	45	..	476	..	2	52	8	Allentown, Lehigh do do
Robert A. Van Court,	6	Falkoner Swamp, &c.	....	....	61	76	1	810	..	..	28	3	New Hanover, Montgomery do do
David Rodrock,	4	Durham, Tinnicum, &c.	700	750	52	38	..	423	..	..	21	6	Bucksville, Bucks do do
Vacant	1	Hilltown,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	1	N. Hilltown, sup. by Rev. N. S. Allen	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
	1	New Williams, sup. by Rev. D. G.	140	....	....	..	..	93	..	..	..	1	
	3	Zions, Ridge Road, [Brendle.	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
	1	Pricetown, sup. by Rev. W. A. Good	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	
	1	Friedensburg, sup. by Rev. I. Miese,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. M's.	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Certifi.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Sch's.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.	..	Without charge,	.....	..	.....	..	...	.....	...	...	...		Shamokin, Pa.
Isaac Gerhart,	..	Missionary,	50	30	8	2	..	30	..	2	...	6	Lancaster City, Pa.
Albert Helffenstein, Jr.	1	Maytown,	.....	.....	..	...	..	.....	...	..	..		Maytown, Lancaster county, Pa.
Daniel Hertz,	7	Ephrata,	275	210	58	31	..	263	...	15	30	2	Ephrata do do
Isaac Demund,	1	St. Pauls,	160	.....	13	3	32	150	...	1	4	1	Lancaster City, do
John W. Hoffmeier,	4	Millersville,	139	....	10	3	...	130	..	...	..	3	do. do
Wm. T. Gerhard,	4		130	.....	10	13	...	121	...	..	18	2	do do
John Naille,	2	Elizabethtown,	153	.....	17	22	...	198		...	14	2	Elizabethtown, Lancaster co do
Emanuel Gerhart, D. D.	..	President F. & M. College,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	..	...	...	Lancaster City, do
John W. Nevin, D. D.	..	Without charge,	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....	...	...		..	do. do
Henry Harbaugh, D. D.	1	1st Church,	372	.....	29	16	16	335	10	39	10	1	do. do
Theodore Appel,	..	Prof. in F. and M. College,	.....	.....	.....	..	...	.....	...	.	...	...	do. do
Thomas C. Porter,	..	do do do	.....	..	.....	..	..	.....	...	...	...		do. do
Daniel Gans,	1	Salem,	218	179	19	20	6	146	...	...	4	2	Harrisburg, do
Martin Smith,	5	Hummelstown,	290	225	32	1	1	215	...	...	5	4	Hummelstown, Dauphin co do
Isaac E. Graeff,	1	Manheim,	60	.....	1	...	...	46	...	..	1	1	Lancaster City, do
John V. Eckert,	3	New Providence,	198	.....	32	13	1	132	...	...	8	5	New Providence, Lancaster co do
F. Aug. Gast,	2	New Holland,	100	.....	10	14	5	48	..	...	...	2	New Holland, do do

NEW YORK CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Unc. M's	Baptisms.	Confirms.	Certifica.	Commu.	Excom.	Dismissed	Deaths.	S. Sch's.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Diedrich Willers,	4	Christs, Jerusalem, Salem, &c.	204	.....	45	...	...	204	...	...	16	2	Fayette, Seneca county, New York
John Lichtenstein	1	Buffalo,	507	.....	.....	...	...	385	...	...	...		Buffalo, do
William Meyer	1	Tonawanda,	231	.....	.....	...	...	181	...	...	...	...	Tonawanda, Erie do do
T. Grossusch,	1	Rochester,	184	.....	16	5	...	149	...	...	5	1	Rochester, do
John F. Busche,	1	New York,	150	.....	101	20	...	150	...	...	6	1	New York City, do
O. Lohr,	2	Elizabethtown and Rahway,	109	.....	35	...	...	82	...	...	...	2	Elizabethtown, New Jersey,
Lewis B. Schwartz,	1	Boston,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	Boston, Mass.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Names of Charges.	Members.	Uncon. Memb.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	Post Office Address.
Isaac Shellhammer,..	5	Union.....	380	240	58	27		190			15	4	Black Creek, Luzerne county, Pa....
Rudolph Dunger,...	3	Ashland,.....	165	170	29	13		150			14	4	Fountain Spring, Schulykill co., Pa.
William Goodrich,..	6	Bloomsburg,.....	500	450	29	11	15	450	1	10	21	4	Orangeville, Columbia county,....do
Nath. E. Bressler,..	7	Armstrong Valley,.....	400	325	40	11		300			20	6	Fisherville, Dauphin .....do....do
Albert G. Dole,.....	1	Milton.....	175	180	14	6		175		1	3	1	Milton, Northumberland....do....do
Jared Fritzinger,...	7	Mahony,.....	525	400	72	34		424		2	31	12	Greenbrier,.....do....do....do
Henry Hoffman,....	10	Berwick.....	380	450	21	22		312		1	2	5	Berwick, Columbia.....do....do
George Wolff,.....	2	Paradise,.....	380	350	28	39	15	355		6	21	3	Myerstown, Pa.....
David W. Wolff,....	4	Danville,.....	230	140	17	15	6	180		3	7	3	Danville, Montour .....do....do
John B. Porner,....	8	Hazleton,.....	254	343	114	22		200			47	6	Hazleton, Luzerne.....do....do
C. Z. Weiser,.....	1	Selinsgrove.....	161	200	11	16		160			8	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder.....do....do
Ephraim Kieffer....	7	Lykins Valley,.....	538	600	60	58		400		7	15	7	Millersburg, Dauphin,.....do....do
C. A. Rittenhouse,...	8	Shamokin, ...	225	260	29	10	3	197			18	3	Shamokin, Northumberland do....do
John W. Steinmetz,	5	Sunbury,...	410	320	30	20	7	160		5	11	5	Sunbury,.....do.....do....do
Henry S. Bassler,...	4	Berrysburg.....	200	250	15	34		175				4	Millersburg, Dauphin .....do....do
Isaac Steely,.....	7	Mahontongo,.....	500	575	147	32		337			43	3	Rough & Ready, Schuylkill do....do
Vacant,.....	3	Mount Zion,.....	325	300	....		5	300				3	.....

WEST SUSQUEHANNA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Jonathan Zellers,	..	No charge.	.....	.....	.....		...	.....	...	...	...	...	Lock Haven, Clinton county .....Pa.
Daniel S. Tobias,	4	Rebersburg,	449	.....	23	58	...	449	...	...	7	14	Rebersburg, Centre.....do.....do.
Adolph B. Casper,	3	Middlecreek,	170	.....	44	19	...	140	...	...	20	4	New Berlin, Union.....do.....do.
Henry Weigand,	7	Nippenose,	364	.....	23	18	1	364	2	3	5	5	Road Hall, Lycoming.....do.....do.
Wm. R. Yearick, (supply.)	2	Eden and Salem,	73	40	4	...	...	73	...	2	1	...	Walker, Centre.....do.....do.
Samuel Gutelius,	5	Freeburg,	231	260	43	15	...	231	...	4	3	5	Freeburg, Snyder .....do.....do.
F. J. Mohr,	4	Williamsport,	260	.....	25	...	10	220	...	...	30	1	Williamsport, Lycoming do.....do.
D. G. Klein,	3	Bellefonte,	143	143	23	9	3	137	1	3	2	3	Zion, Centre.....do.....do.
John C. Bucher,	2	Mifflinburg,	200	190	24	10	3	205	4	...	1	2	Mifflinburg, Union.....do.....do.
L. C. Edmonds,	5	Aaronsburg,	450	500	27	23	24	450	3	...	5	1	Aaronsburg, Centre .....do.....do.
W. H. Groh,	5	Boalsburg,	415	360	25	6	12	385	...	...	15	7	Boalsburg.....do.....do.....do.
Vacant,	2	Liberty Valley,	200	425	18	5	...	112	...	...	3	2	Liberty, Tioga.....do.....do.
G. W. Schultz,	6	Adamsburg,	460	.....	76	21	...	350	...	...	16	14	Middlecreek, Snyder.....do.....do.
C. H. Leinbach,	2	Lewisburg,	325	.....	22	14	17	275	...	4	4	2	Lewisburg, Union.....do.....do.
I. S. Weisz,	4	Nittany,	240	450	7	..	6	215	...	...	7	5	Walker, Centre.....do.....do.
H. C. Heyser,	5	Liverpool,	141	.....	17	...		141	...	...	.	4	Richfield, Juniata.....do.....do.
Supplied by C. Z. Weiser,	1	New Berlin,	144	.....	6	...	1	144	...	...	3	1	Selinsgrove, Snyder.....do.....do.
.....“.....A. G. Dole,	1	Union,	100	200	7	...	...	100	...	...	..	1	Milton, Northumberland county,....do.
.....“.....Committees,	2	St. Peters and Messiah,	28	.....	.....	...	...	28	...	...	...	..	.....
.....“.....A. B. Casper,	1	Centreville,	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	New Berlin, Union county, Pa.
John K. Millet, licentiate,	1	Rays,	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	...	..	.....

CLARION CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members.	Uncon. Members.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Communicants.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	Sab. Schools.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. B. Ernst,	3	Sagertown,	220	.....	17	3	...	195	...	...		2	Sagertown, Crawford county, Pa
L. D. Leberman,	4	Meadville,	409	.....	129	37		409	...	...	7	5	Meadville ....do ....do ....do
H. F. Hartman,	5	West Greenville,	450	.....	50	60	10	400	...	7	20	4	West Greenville, Mercer do ....do
C. A. Limberg,	4	Luthersburg,	225	.....	51	...	...	190		..	13	3	Troutville, Clearfield ....do ....do
J. G. Shoemaker,	4	Curlsville,	160	.....	50	10	..	130	1	2	3	4	Curlsville, Clarion ....do ....do
Abner Dale,	1	Rimersburg,	60	...	14	1	..	50	...	...	..	1	Harrisville, Butler ....do ....do
J. S. Shade,	5	Petersburg,	438	.....	43	43	..	404	...	...	16	4	Lamertine, Clarion ....do ....do
Lucian Cort,	..	Principal of the C. C. Institute,		.....	.....		..	.....	...	...	..	..	Limestoneville, Montour do ....do
F. Wise,	2	South Bend,	210	.....	33	22	4	196	...	...	4	1	South Bend, Armstrong ...do ....do
F. W. Dechant,	3	Harmony,	215	....	25	21	2	200	...	...	3	2	Harmony, Butler ....do ....do
E. D. Shoemaker,	3	Kittaning,	125	.....	8	1	..	118	..	...	2	4	Rural Village, Armstrong county, ...do
D. O. Shoemaker	2	Fairview,	225	.....	47	5	2	299	...	...	2	1	Davis, Pa
H. Daniels,	4	Redbank,	367	....	.....	..	..	255	...	...	..	..	Kerr's Store, Clarion county, ...Pa
S. N. Callender,	..	Without charge,	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	...	...	..	..	Meadville, Crawford ....do ....do
L. J. Mayor,	4	Mercer,	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	...	...	..	..	West Greenville, Mercer do ....do
Phillip Zeiser,	..	Without charge	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	..	...	..	..	New Hamburg ....do ....do ....do
R. Boyer,	..	Superannuated	...	.....	.....	..	..	.....	...	...	..	..	West Greenville, ...do ...do ....do
Vacant,	3	Tylersburg,	130	.....	.....	...	...	88	...	...	..	..	

STATISTICAL REPORT.

MIAMI CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Members unconfirmed.	Members Confirmed.	Members Com.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec'd by Let.	Dism. by Let.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions	Eng. Minister	Ger. Minister.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
D. Winters,	4	Mount Zion,	260	456	440	40	40	2	2	30	5	4	$230 00	75	5	Dayton, Ohio.
T. H. Winters,	1	Cæsar's Creek,	150	110	100	..	..	..	..	6	2	..	53 00	20	..	Xenia, Ohio.
F. C. Prugh,	1	Xenia,	100	125	112	10	5	3	13	6	3	1	75 00	40	..	Xenia, Ohio.
I. H. Reiter,	3	Miamisburg,	218	308	280	64	40	37	..	6	4	2	145 00	50	5	Miamisburg, O.
H. Rust,	1	1st. Church, Cincinnati,	245	365	365	108	26	36	5	3	8	1	283 00	1	12	Cincinnati, O.
G. W. Williard,	3	Bethel Charge,	60	150	125	8	30	11	..	2	2	1	20 40	40	..	Dayton, O.
A. C. Kendig,	3	West Alexandria,	93	282	239	11	22	8	10	6	4	2	86 00	30	..	West Alexandria, O.
S. Mease,	1	2nd. Church, Cincinnati,	28	37	31	9	7	8	5	6	1	1	20 00	15	..	Cincinnati, O.
G. Z. Mochling,	3	Seven Mile,	123	110	107	15	10	5	3	2	4	2	76 00	25	..	Seven Mile, O.
L. H. Kefauver,	1	Dayton,	100	165	140	9	5	6	2	..	2	1	30 00	30	..	Dayton, C.
J. Richards,	4	Union,	....	220	220	25	48	3	2	1	2	4	75 00	20	..	North Hampton, O.
C. Saure,	1	3d. Church, Cincinnati,	186	329	324	86	25	67	18	7	21	1	174 00	..	10	Cincinnati, O
J. Schlosser,	2	Fairfield,	....	215	185	22	44	17	2	2	2	2	50 00	40	..	Fairfield, O.
E. F. Loeders,	1	2nd. Church, Dayton,	60	106	90	55	8	29	5	30	1	1	14 00	..	10	Dayton, O.
T. J. Barkley,	3	New Madison,	....	140	125	....	..	..	1	1	2	3	.....	25	..	New Madison, O.
A. Wanner,	2	Germantown,	80	161	80	10	10	..	1	..	..	1	15 00	15	..	Germantown; O.
J. Weaver,	2	St. Paris,	....	100	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....	20	..	St. Paris, O.
L. Rike,	2	Corydon, Mission,	....	50	50	2	16	9	..	..	..	..	17 00	15	.	Corydon, Ind,
J. A. Leis,	4	St. John's,	140	205	151	31	25	15	..	..	10	1	15 00	6	6	Miamisburg, O.
C. Pluss,	2	Brown County,	....	45	37	16	7	..	..	..	1	..	8 00	..	..	Arnheim, O.
J. Stuck,	4	Dallas,	50	125	110	32	39	7	2	1	8	2	11 09	40	..	Greenville, O.
G. H. Leonard,	2	Highland,	131	248	240	10	6	..	..	20	3	2	119 00	30	..	Hillsburg, Ohio.
W. B. Sandeo,	1	Port Jefferson,	138	137	96	3	7	4	..	..	2	..	10 75	30	..	Pratt, Shelby co., O.
J. Schlosser, (supply.).	1	Beaver Congregation,	60	67	50	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	25 00	..	..	
H. K. Denius,	..		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....	..	..	Germantown, O.
J. Kercher,	..		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Lacon, Ill.
C. Borentz,	..		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Grandview, O
J. McConnell,	..		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Anna, Ill.
George Shafer,	..		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Nevins, O.

LANCASTER CLASSIS.

Ministers.	No. of Congre's.	Charges.	Baptised Mem.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	By Confirmat'n.	By Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommunic's.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Minutes.	Benevolent Contributions.	Post Office Address.
H. Williard,	2	Columbus,	60	46	42	3	..	3	3	..	..	2	15	$20 60	Columbus, O,
J. B. Thompson,	1	Delaware,	171	197	163	27	7	15	2	1	2	1	30	91 27	Delaware, O
H. King,	3	Union,	150	200	140	4	..	...	8	1	6	2	10	20 00	Baltimore, O
P. D. Shory,	1	Lancaster,	37	75	68	14	..	6	..	..	1	1	3	.....	Lancaster, O
C. W. Hoyman,	4	Somerset,	200	225	200	26	12	6	..	..	12	2	30	179 00	Somerset, O
N. H. Loose,	4	Sugar Grove,	100	160	150	32	27	10	..	..	5	4	20	34 36	Sugar Grove, O
J. C. Klar,	4	Tarlton,	....	....	169	26	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	40 00	Stoutsville, O
John Vogt,	2	Basil,	58	110	85	8	1	1	2	..	..	2	20	98 58	Basil, O
J. I. Swander,	3	Kinnickkinnick,	100	130	130	8	5	3	3	..	6	3	40	200 00	Chillicothe, O
J, C. Henneman,	..	Beaver,	....	530	343	62	16	..	..	..	19	1	...	10 00	Beavertown, O
S. S. Rickly,	..	No Charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Columbus, O
James Heffley	4	Lithopolis,	200	256	219	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	.....	Canal, Winchester, O
John Ruhl,	..	No Report,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Defiance, O
IOWA CLASSIS.															
F. C. Bauman,	1	Zwingle,	71	84	80	39	21	2	1	..	..	1	20	.....	Rockdale, Dubuque co Iowa
J. Riale,	4	Tipton and Boulder,	97	87	87	16	15	51	..	..	..	1	20	.....	Lisbon, Linn co
J. H. Buser,	2	Oskaloosa,	....	....	50	14	14	20	2	...	1	2	20	.....	Oskaloosa

WESTMORELAND CLASSIS.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges:	Members.	Confir. Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd. by Certificate.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Min. of Syn. (Eng.)	Min. of Syn. (Ger.)	Benevolent Contributions.	Post Office Address.
N. P. Hacke,	6	Greensburg, (Ger.)	....	....	693	114	48	2	3	30	5	40	40	.....	Greensburg, Pa
H. E. F. Voigt,	8	Mt. Pleasant,	350	315	275	48	47	8	2	4	..	30	10	$58 75	Mt. Pleasant, Pa
C. C. Russell, Ass't.	..	....do	....	...	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.... ..	Latrobe, Pa
Wm. Conrad,	4	Beam's,	....	....	162	12	..	..	3	4	..	30	..	31 32	Jenner X Roads, Pa
G. B. Russell,	1	Grace Church,	61	89	77	6	7	..	2	2	1	30	..	195 00	Pittsburg, do
Vacant	2	Greensburg, (Eng.)	135	125	120	20	6	7	..	6	2	25	..	71 00	Greensburg, do
F. K. Levan,	3	Somerset,	125	175	165	11	2	11	1	..	4	30	..	70 00	Somerset, do
A. B. Koplin,	5	Grantsville,	....	160	160	13	15	4	2	1	3	20	10	25 00	Elklick, do
Benj. Knepper,	9	Wellersburg,	....	224	209	61	8	1	..	7	3	25	10	12 00	Wellersburg, do
R. P. Thomas,	4	Salem,	213	240	216	21	13	4	5	3	3	30	..	91 15	Salem X Roads, do
D. H. Reiter.	6	Shade,	....	200	165	17	11	3	..	10	2	20	..	.....	Stoystown, do
F. A. Edmonds,	4	Berlin,	....	275	274	30	40	7	..	2	2	20	20	51 00	Berlin, do
Wm. Weinel,	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
Geo. A. Fickes,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Fremont, O.

SANDUSKY CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Confir.	Commu.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismiss'd	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools	Benevolent Collections.	No. Minu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS,
S. B. Leiter,	4	Tuscarawas,	....	197	197	25	4	7	..	..	1	3	$41 93	40	Navarre, Starke co, O.
Wm. McCaughey,	2	Akron Mission,	....	46	46	1	1	....	1	..	1	2	13 00	10	Akron, O.
J. Hines,	4	North Union,	....	125	120	3	1	....	1	..	1	3	.....	35	Johnson's Corners, Summit co., O.
J. J. Excell,	4	Reedsburg,	....	179	160	..	35	2	6	..	..	3	78 49	30	Reedsbury, Wayne co., O.
P. J. Spangler,	4	Navarre,	120	180	170	6	..	5	4	..	2	3	71 51	40	West Lebanon, Wayne co., O.
M. A. Miller,	4	Summit,	....	196	196	24	50	....	4	..	..	2	.....	40	Uniontown, Stark co., O.
J. M. Lefever,	3	Carrollton,	36	132	132	20	27	9	..	..	2	2	35 00	30	Carrollton, O.
C. H. Reiter,	4	Bristol,	....	204	158	25	5	1	4	..	8	3	38 50	25	Smithville, Wayne co., O.
H. Hess,	4		....	114	114	21	..	....	..	..	..	..	20 00	25	Shelby, Richland co., O.
D. R. Moore,	4	Savannah,	....	135	135	3	7	....	..	..	..	..	.....	25	Nankin, Ashland co., O.
D. W. Kelly,	3	Shelby,	3	50	50	..	..	....	..	..	1	2	.....	..	Shelby, Richland co., O.
J. F. Helm,	..	Without Charge,	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Hartville, Stark co., O.
H. Shaull,	..	..do.....do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Leesville, Va.
L. Follett,	..	..do.....do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	
D. G. Phillips,	..	..do.....do	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	

SHEBOYGAN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. Cong.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfir.	Commu.	Baptisms.	Confirma.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Deaths.	Dismiss'd	Excom.	S. Schools	Benevolent Collections.	No. Minu.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
H. A. Muhlmeier,	..	Emanuels,	160	359	160	20	2	....	3	2	..	1	$70 00	2	Howard's Grove, Sheboygan co., Wis.
J. Bossard,	..	Sarons,	60	120	60	10	6	....	2	..	..	1	8 00	1	Sheboygan, Wis.
C. Schiller,	..	Ebenezer,	182	295	182	27	..	24	3	..	..	..	.....	1	Newtonsburg, Manitowac co. Wis.
J. T. Kluge,	..	Zions,	91	167	84	19	..	12	1	9	..	1	14 44	2	Sheboygan, Wis.
J. J. Brecht,	..	Ashford,	66	126	60	6	4	4	3	..	..	1	2 45	1	Ashford, Fandulac co., Wis.
H. A. Winter,	..	Lowell,	150	240	140	26	7	....	3	..	..	1	5 00	2	Lowell, Dodge co., Wis.
P. Joerris,	..	Salem,	48	77	48	3	3	....	1	..	..	1	25 00	2	Watertown, Wis.
N. Rutenick,	..	Sauk City,	40	70	20	15	4	....	2	..	..	1	.....	3	Sauk City, Wis.
J. F. Vergeng,	..	Mayville,	70	112	70	5	..	....	1	..	..	1	1 50	1	Mayville, Dodge co., Wis
C. Lienkemper,	..	Medina, ...6	60	80	60	16	4	....	..	..	..	..	.....	1	Medina, Wis.

TIFFIN CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CAARGES.	Mem. Baptised.	Mem. Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	Min. of Sy. (Eng.)	Min. of Sy. (Ger.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
F. Rahauser	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	$	..	..	Wilkins, Pa
R. Good	3	Good Hope	....	87	70	15	4	..	..	..	1	2	4 50	..	..	Tiffin, Ohio
J. H. Good	2	Second Reformed Ch., Tiffin	200	168	160	48	24	5	..	4	5	2	32 00	1	10	..do....do
Max Stern	3	Gallion	....	450	450	55	12	19	..	..	12	2	80 00	..	25	Gallion
H. J. Rutenick	1	Cleveland	....	50	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80 00	..	20	Cleveland, Ohio
J. Klinger	4	Salems	....	75	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	....	10	..	Herring.....do
H. Eshmeier	1	Toledo Mission	150	110	110	18	2	8	..	..	..	1	....	..	20	Toledo,.....do
J. G. Ruhl	6	Marion	....	200	200	26	14	..	..	..	7	4	60 68	1	40	Marion,.....do
J. J. Escher	4	Berwick	290	307	304	68	34	17	2	..	10	2	98 00	1	20	Fostoria,.....do
Eli Keller	6	Bucyrus	....	320	320	54	15	..	..	..	7	4	112 25	10	10	Bucyrus,.....do
M Kieffer, D. D.	1	Fort Seneca	74	77	68	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	15 00	..	..	Tiffin,.....do
J. Knie	2	Vermillion	....	118	126	25	15	..	..	..	5	1	22 00	..	..	Vermillion,..do
C. Weller	..	Superannuated	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	N. Winchester, Ohio
Vacant	3	Upper Sandusky	....	68	20	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	....	..	..	Upper Sandusky, do
E. E. Higbee	1	First Reformed Ch., Tiffin	190	190	138	8	6	5	..	..	2	1	....	12	..	Tiffin,..... do
Pet. Tendick	2	Attica Mission	....	145	145	30	31	15	17	2	2	2	45 34	1	20	Attica.....do
J. Heller	2	Fremont	....	90	87	32	15	8	..	..	..	2	47 50	6	6	Fremont,.....do
J. B. Kniest	1	Sandusky City	75	66	66	9	5	..	..	2	4	1	10 00	..	20	Sandusky City ....do
	3	Thompson	....	178	178	25	12	..	..	..	7	2	80 00	24	12	Bellevue,..... do
C. Raths	4	Hessville	...	112	133	42	13	..	..	..	3	1	....	..	..	Blackswamp, ...do
C. Bank	..	New Bremen	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	New Bremen,....do
H. K. C. Shutte	5	Findlay Mission	250	140	120	41	19	..	..	..	11	1	16 07	5	10	Findlay,.....do
P. Greding	2	Allen co...do	....	122	137	12	15	13	..	24	19	..	....	..	..	Riley Creek,.....do
W. Witzgall	..	Henry co...do	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	New Bavaria,.....do
Vacant	..	Henry co...do	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	Napoleon,.....do
J. Eichen	1	Crestline	....	37	33	16	..	10	1	..	2	..	2 56	..	..	Crestline,.....do
D. C. Zimmerman	3	Wetstone	....	137	170	14	12	29	..	..	3	2	....	..	10	Gallion,.....do
M. Miller	2	Farths	....	90	75	11	16	..	1	..	4	2	....	..	..	Tiffin,.....do
C. Kuss	1	Huron	....	27	27	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	75 00	..	..	Huron,.....do

ST. JOSEPH CLASSIS:

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Mem. Baptised.	Mem. Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmation.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes. (Ger.)	Minutes. (Eng.)	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. H. Klein,	1	St. John's Congregation,	210	183	183	33	7	23	1	..	10	1	$98 68	20	..	Fort Wayne, Ind.
W. H. Fenneman,	3	Bluffton Charge,	194	186	186	22	10	10	..	2	7	1	47 00	15	10	Bluffton, Ind.
W. Wasnick,	..	No Report	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Pulaski, Williams co. O.
Vacant,	3	Bryan Charge,	140	160	102	20	..	7	..	..	8	..	.....	10	..	
Phil. Becker,	6	Whitley county Mission,	....	147	147	29	..	..	..	..	7	..	12 00	..	..	Columbia City, Ind.
P. Vitz,	2	Adams county Mission,	140	81	76	12	..	..	..	..	2	2	18 00	12	..	Decatur, Adams co, Ind.
Vacant,	1	Huntington Charge,	210	108	100	34	6	2	..	..	7	1	11 00	18	..	Huntington, Ind.
J. Brakefield,	3	Pulaski Charge,	....	97	97	26	14	23	..	..	4	2	25 00	..	75	Evansport, Defiance co, O
J. G. Kissell,	6	Union Charge,	....	223	....	65	22	1	..	..	7	5	.....	..	..	Auburn, De Kalb co., Ind
A. Butt,	6	Jefferson Charge,	....	105	105	9	6	5	10	4	2	3	.....	..	..	Pulaski, Williams co., O.
*Chas Cast,	1	Detroit Mission,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Detroit, Mich.
†D. Kroh,	3	St. Joseph's Charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Elkhart, Ind.
E. Spangler,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Edgarton, Williams co. O.
D. Lantz,	..	No report,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Constantine, Mich.
*Jones Michael,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	Winnamac, Pulaski co., Ind
T. Winters,	..	Superannuated,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	
Vacant,	..	Colon Charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	
	..	Noriah Charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	

†Lately taken charge. ‡Not yet connected with St. Joseph Classis.

INDIANA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Mem. Bapt.	Mem. Confir.	Communic'ts.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec'd. by Let.	Excommuni.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Com. Sch.	Benevolent Contributions	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
M. G. I. Stern,	1	1st. Ref. Ch. Indianapolis,	60	95	80	24	4	12	5	3	2	1	1	$60 00	Indianapolis, Ind
J. Eichin,	1	Linton,	....	46	....	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	.....	Linton, Greene co., Ind
J. Blatgen,	1	Evansville,	....	31	38	28	1	3	2	..	3	1	1	30 77	Evansville, Ind
G. H. Zumpe	3	Poland,	....	147	190	26	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	30 81	Poland, Clay co., Ind
H. Kortheur,	1	Zion's,	37	48	35	19	2	8	..	1	4	1	1	30 00	Terra Haute, Ind
J. D. Collinower,	3		....	50	50	12	3	6	..	..	1	1	..	.....	New Pittsburg, Randolph co., Ind
E. Baumann,	..	Bowling Green Mission,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	
F. Wahl,	3	Dayton,	....	....	135	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	Dayton, Tippecanoe co., Ind
C. Jackel,	1		....	92	60	20	5	..	..	2	7	1	..	160 60	Louisville, Ky
T. Etter,	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	

ILLINOIS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Cong.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Mem. Uncon.	Mem. Confir.	Communic'ts.	Baptisms.	Confirmations	Rec'd by Let.	Dismissed.	Excommuni.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Contributions	Minutes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
John Hoyman,	6	Orangeville,	....	230	212	14	5	6	..	..	10	7	$30 00	25	Orangeville, Stephenson co., Ill
J. P. Decker,	..	Without charge	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Freeport, ...do.....do
H. K. Baines,	2	Shelbyville,	10	28	26	10	16	..	1	..	..	2	10 78	25	Shelbyville, Shelby co., ...do
John Stoneberger,	1	Astoria,	30	54	....	1	10	4	..	..	1	1	5 00	10	Astoria, Fulton co., ...do
P. H. Kroh,	4	Anna,	....	91	91	19	45	4	..	..	..	..	.....	12	Anna, Union co., ...do
C. W. Seaman,	2	Cedarville,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	12	Cedarville, Stephenson co., .do
....do	..	Forreston,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	10	.....do.....do....do..do
George Weber,	..	Without charge,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Forreston, Ogle co.....do
H. Knepper,	..	.....do	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	Ogle Station, ...do
Joseph Sachler, (licent'e.)	..		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	...	Orangeville, Stephenson co..do

ST. JOHN'S CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	No. of Congre.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Bapt. Members.	Mem. Confirmed.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excommunicat'd.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Benevolent Collections.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
J. W. Hamm,	7	Manchester,	....	....	670	81	84	..	..	...	41	5	$67 32	Nimsilla, Summit co., Ohio
D. Kemmerer,	5	Wooster,	....	430	400	80	21	..	..	..	20	3	110 66	Wooster, do
F. Herbruck,	6	Canton,	....	....	917	122	80	..	..	..	69	6	92 94	Canton, do
J. G. Zahner,	5	Shanesville,	....	....	410	46	33	..	..	...	23	5	51 58	Rogersville, Tuscara co. do
R. Kohler,	1	Mt. Eton,	....	....	50	4	11	..	..	...	6	...	9 74	Mt. E on, Wayne co, do
G. Zeigler,	8	North Georgetown,	....	700	644	66	70	..	..	..	15	..	51 71	North Georgetown, Col. co., Ohio
G. Rettig	5	New Bedford,	....	....	215	51	18	..	..	..	24	1	14 00	New Bedford, Coshocton co., do
J. Ackeret,	3	Mt. Eton,	....	....	180	25	9	..	..	..	14	2	17 04	Mt. Eton, Wayne co., do
C. Zwisler,	3	Canfield,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Canfield, do
J. F. Englebaugh,	2	Akron,	....	125	125	22	...	..	..	..	6	1	3 73	Akron, Summit co., do
S. N. King,	2	New Lisbon,	....	137	137	8	5	2	..	..	..	1	52 72	New Lisbon, Col. co., do
C. Fehr,	2	Youngstown,	....	....	60	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 04	Youngstown, Mahoning co., do
J. Rettig,	4	New Philadelphia,	....	....	240	37	26	16	..	..	7	2	27 25	New Philadelphia, do
J. Reinhart,	5	Springfield,	....	....	375	30	40	..	..	..	10	3	36 50	North Lima, do
J. J. Roemer,	2	Calcutta,	....	....	26	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	Calcutta, do
S. Seibert,	..	No report,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
E. H. T. Woehler,	2	.....	....	....	186	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	11 40	Albion, Ashland co., do
H. K. Zink,	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
V. W. Rehkopf, licenti'te	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....
J. Biery, do	..	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Names of Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Unconfirmed Mem.	Members.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sabbath Schools.	Benevolent Contributions.	Minutes, (English.)	Minutes, (German.)
Miami,	27	51	2702	4570	4497	578	488	269	71	128	87	34	$15 50	552	48
Lancaster,	13	28	1076	1929	1749	220	68	44	18	2	51	20	595 14	195	....
Westmoreland,	14	52	884	1803	2516	353	194	47	18	....	68	25	700 00	300	....
Sandusky,	14	40	158	1549	1346	230	151	24	19	. .	16	23	299 53	310	....
Sheboygan,	10	....	1645	922	904	147	30	40	11	....	....	8	125 39	....	16
Tiffin,	33	68	1039	3458	3260	561	262	129	23	....	105	32	780 30	69	228
St. Joseph,	14	36	804	1290	996	250	65	71	11	6	54	15	211 18	65	20
Iowa,	3	6	168	171	217	69	50	73	3	....	1	4	.....	60	10
Indiana,	10	14	97	509	588	137	27	29	6	7	25	6	336 18	....	....
Illinois,	9	15	40	401	329	44	66	14	1	....	11	10	47 78	98	...
St. Johns,	20	62	....	1392	4635	605	396	18	....	....	235	29	342 75	....	....
Total,	167	362	8627	18275	20921	3102	1804	764	173	143	627	197	4991 10		
Eastern Synod,	240	691	48405	74658	63757	7811	4198	709	372	48	2748	561	.....	...	....
Total of the two Synods,	407	1054	57032	92933	84678	10913	6002	1473	545	191	3345	758			

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